## Iran wants \$90 billion from Iraq

LONDON (R) — Iran is demanding about \$90 billion in "war reparations" from Iraq for data age to its public sector in fighting up to last September, the national news agency IRNA said Saturday. A book published by Iran's pranning and budget organisation gives for the first time a breakdown of some of the payments Iran is seeking as a major condition to end the 32-month-old Gulf war. IRNA said reparations for loss of life and damage to private sector and not because seed. The biggest single sum being sought is \$33 m. billion for damage to Iran's oil industry. It also wants \$21.00 billion for damage to Iran's oil industry. It also wants \$21.00 billion for agriculture, \$15.81 billion for "revolutionary organism one" and \$2.34 billion for the power industry. In the past, the Tehinal Section of the past that Tehinal Section of the past the Tehinal Section of the Tehinal Section

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### Syrian president to meet Fahd

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad will meet King Fahd of Saudi A thia shortly, a presidential spokesman said in Damascus Saturday. The spokesman, quoted by the official Syrian news agency SANA, did not say where or when the meeting would take place. His statement, in reply to reporters questions, came shortly after U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz left Damascus for Saudi Arabia to discuss the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon and other Middle East issues. The spokesman said the Assad-Fahd meeting had been arranged three weeks ago.

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### The Jordan Times...

will not appear on Monday, May 9, due to the Easter holiday. Our next issue wiff be on Tuesday, May 10. We wish all our readers and advertisers a happy Easter.

### PLO seeks meeting on S.Lebanon killings

DAMASCUS (R) - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Saturday urged the Soviet Union to call for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the killing of Palestinians in Israelioccupied southern Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) news agency WAFA reported. It said the plea was made in a message handed by Arafai to the Soviet ambassador 10 Syria. Vladimir Yonkhine. Lebanese newspapers reported on Thursday that unidentified gunmen shot and killed three Palestinians in two incidents in southern Lebanon, the latest in a series of unexplained killings.

### Qatar raises fuel prices by 260%

DOHA (R) - The Gulf state of Qaiar raised prices of petrol and other fuels by up to 260 per cent. The National Oil Distribution Company said premium petrol would rise by 67 per cent to 60 dirhams (16.4 cents) a litre and regular grade by 140 per cent to 55 dirhams (15 cents). Diesel and kerosene would rise by more than 260 per cent to 55 dirhams (15cents) and 40 dirhams (11 cents) respectively. It gave no reason for the sharp increases, which follow a 32 per cent rise in petrol prices in the neighbouring United Arab Emirates (UAE) last week.

### Thailand gets new government

BANGKOK (R) — Thailand's Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda Saturday announced a new coalition of two major parties, a pro-army right-wing group and a small party led by former Premier Kriangsak Chomanan. The coalition government, formed 19 days after general elections last month, has a near two-thirds majority in the 324-seat house of representatives.

### Iraq attacks Western trade protectionism

BAGHDAD(R) - Iraq Saturday blamed growing protectionism in the industrialised world for a slump in international trade and a global economic crisis. Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, addressing the Economic Commission for Western Asia, accused some industrialised nations of hindering efforts by developing states to restructure the world economy on an equable

### U.S. ship fired on off Lebanese coast

WASHINGTON (R) - A U.S. Navy ship apparently came under arnack off Beirut Saturday but suffered no casualties and did not return fire, the Defence Depanment said. A Pentagon spokesman said five artillery or mortar rounds landed within 500 metres of a U.S. support ship near the Lebanese capital. "The details we have are skeichy," the spokesman said, adding that the name of the ship was not immediately ava-

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## U.S. secretary leaves Damascus for Jeddah

# Syria unenthusiastic on Lebanon pullout accord, says Shultz

DAMASCUS (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Saturday Syria was unenthusiastic about an agreement for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon and this would hold up a planned parallel withdrawal of Syrian and Palestinian forces.

in principle a withdrawal plan thrashed out by Mr. Shultz on a 10-day shuttle between Lebanon and Israel, has said it will only pull out if there is also a Syrian pull

"I think it is fair to say they (Syrians) are bardly enthusiastic about the agreement," Mr. Shultz told reporters after about four hours of talks here with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

But he said Syria was still open to negotiations. "The door is not slammed," he said. Mr. Sbultz said Lebanon would

now have to negotiate with Syria for an accord under which Damascus would agree to withdraw its troops along with remaining fighters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

In the light of Syria's attitude to the deal with Israel "my guess is that these will be very difficult negotiations," Mr. Shultz said.

Israel, which Friday approved could take, he replied: "I can't make a prediction but it will take a

little while." He said no one had expected a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon to be achieved quickly but he expressed some optimism that it would be possible in the end.

"In my judgment there are great incentives in this situation for people in the end to go along with h (the Israeli-Lebanese agreement)..." the secretary of state

"I think what this agreement yields is complete Israeli withdrawal and from the Arab standpoint obtaining complete Israeli withdrawal is a very important

Mr. Shultz declined to outline Syria's objections to the Israeli-Lebanese agreement, saying its position was well known.

ian forces would not be withdrawn from Lebanon, which they entered in 1976 to end a civil war, unless there was a prior and total Israeli withdrawal.

They have said Syria would not accept any agreement which gave Israel advantages gained from its invasion of Lebanon last year.

As Mr. Shultz began his meeting with Mr. Assad, Syrian state radio said the withdrawal agreement gave Israel military, economic, political and security gains.

"It is a victory first for Israel, second for the United States and very last for Lebanon... this American effort will not be welcome or accepted in the Arab World." the radio said.

Mr. Shultz had a cool reception when he arrived at Damascus airport Saturday morning from Amman, where he held talks with

He was met by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, who made no customary welcoming speech and stood several metres away from the secretary of state as Mr. Shultz made a statement to

Mr. Shultz flew out of Dam oshion was well known. ascus at about 8,00 p.m. (1700 Syrian ministers and the GMT) heading for Jeddah, Saudi egotiations," Mr. Shultz said. government-controlled media Arabia, where he was scheduled Asked how long the process. have repeatedly stressed that Syrto meet King Fahd...



A CLOSE CALL: Firefighters rescue one of the wounded in a blaze at the Hotel Washington in Istanbul Saturday. The latest death toll is 42 dead and 65 wounded. Rescue workers were still clearing the debris of the building Saturday night. Police said most of the victims of the blaze in the Laleli district of Istanbul were foreign tourists (A.P. wirephoto)

## Jordan imposes new measures on travel from occupied lands

bid to counter Israeli plans to evict Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories from their homeland, is adopting new measures to restrict the flow of residents of the West Bank to Jordan, according to a local newspaper Saturday.

One of these measures. Al Ra'i' newspaper said, is to allow a period of 30 days only for such visitors to stay in Jordan, after which they should return to the West

West Bankers passing through Jordan en route to Saudi Arabia

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan, in a and other Gulf states or travelling to Europe and the United States will be issued permits valid for three years, but must "visit their homeland once every nine months to abort Israel's attempts to confiscate their property in the West Bank," the paper said.

> Permits granted by Jordan to visitors to the West Bank, will not be affected by the new measures. Regulations concerning students wishing to continue their studies at West Bank universities also remain unchanged.

## Shultz describes talks in Amman as 'very constructive'

of State George Shultz left process, It is something that must Amman Saturday for Damascus proceed. It is a moment of fruafter a one-day official visit to stration and dilemma, but nev-Jordan during which he held talks ertheless not a moment to lose with His Majesty King Hussein, heart or to flag in our efforts. His His Royal Highness Crown Prince Majesty asked me if that was the Hassan and senior Jordanian off- president's view and I said it cer-

departure. Mr. Shultz described his talks with in Amman as "very worthwhile, constructive," adding that "now is a moment not to lose heart or to flag in our efforts" for Middle East peace.

The secretary, who headed a high-level U.S. delegation which included President Ronald Rea-gan's special Middle East envoy Philip Habib, Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotes and special negotiator Richard Fairbanks, also reaffirmed the Reagan administration's commitment to pursue peace efforts for the

Mr. Shuliz said that King Hussein reaffirmed Jordan's support for Lebanon's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Following is the full text of Mr. Shuliz's statement:

"I would like to express my appreciation to His Majesty King Hussein for receiving us. Last evening we had a very fine general meeting and I had the privilege of a private meeting with His Majesty and then he and the Queen who were both gracious in giving us a lovely dinner at their palace. So we were treated, you might say, royally, and we appreciate it.

I think it was particularly noteworthy to me that His Majesty expressed to me, and on behalf of the president I expressed to him,

AMMAN (J.T.) - U.S. Secretary continued support for the peace tainly was. The president remains In a statement issued before his completely committed to pursuing this process.

> Of course we discussed the Israeli-Lebanon agreement and what is developing in Lebanon. And it was also very good to hear His Majesty express his complete support for the government of Lebanon and that government's efforts to free itself of foreign forces and to become sovereign and in charge of its own territory

So. in summary, we had a fine meeting, very worthwhile and constructive and these two definite items of continued support for a most meaningful debate.

Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem who saw Mr. Shultz off at Amman airport also made a press statement stressing that Jordan will pursue efforts to help Lebanon regain its sovereignty over its territory and achieve a total withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon

"A withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon will reflect positively on the Middle East issue as a whole and will boost the chances for a durable and comprehensive Middle East solution," Mr. Qasem said.

Also seeing off Mr. Shultz were U.S. Ambassador Richard Viets. embassy staff and Jordanian off-

## Artillery barrage rocks Beirut

BEIRUT (R) - The prospect of a areas of the capital. artillery bombardments back to Beirut as rival predominantly Christian rightists and leftist Druze militias battle for power.

News of Israel's decision Friday to accept in principle a U.S.sponsored withdrawal plan triggered fierce clashes in mountain areas which spilled over into an overnight barrage of residential

Communist Party leader Hu Yao-

bang, on an official visit to Eastern

Europe, said in an interview pub-

Union was continuing with actions

In the interview with Yugoslav

a ten-day Balkan tour, Mr. Hu

rovement in its relations with

. The Yugoslav news agency Tan-

jug quoted him as saying that in

spite of this Moscow was con-tinuing with "anti-Chinese act-

The Chinese leader, who will

after a five-day visit to Romania,

BONN (R) - West German new-

Stern to reveal the source for its

so-called diaries of Nazi dictator

Adolf Hitler after government off-

icials Friday declared them to be

The conservative daily Die Welt

commented: "Stern says it began

publishing in good faith--but it

will only be believed if it helps:

"Its greed for a million-dollar

scoop far exceeded its historic

competence," it said in an edi-torial, adding it was crucial to find

the forger and determine in whose

interest "this historic lie" could

Stern reporter Gerd Hei-

demann tracked down the 62 dia-

ries after a three-year search but

has so far refused to reveal where

Publisher Henri Nannen said

Friday the magazine would not

print any further extracts from the

so-called diaries after West Ger-

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lished Saturday that the Soviet character ... "

between milities and 11 more killed and 62 wounded in the artillery bombardments over the past

two days. A fragile ceasefire went into effect at seven a.m. (0500 GMT). tinuing into the afternoon in the

Hu accuses Kremlin of hostile actions

"struggle against hegemonism

regardless from where it comes or

whether it is of a global or local

The word "hegemonism" is a

Chinese codeword for Soviet int-

emational activity which Peking

which Mr. Hu has refrained from

Romania, apparently in deference

to the present delicate stage of

Sino-Soviet rapprochement talks.

where Moscow and Peking are

backing opposing claimants for

power in Kampuchea, was "obv-

iously" the main obstacle in nor-

Stern urged to reveal 'Hitler diaries' source

China, Mr. Hu was quoted as

He said Stern would launch a

cover the true story behind the

the swindler, Mr. Nannen said.

Siern had no reason to project

The London Sunday Times also

announced it was stopping publication of the diaries after West-

German archivists and the federal

criminal office exposed them as

At a news conference in Kob-

·lenz earlier Louis Werner, a police

chemical expert, said his exa-

mination of three of the 62 diaries

showed the paper used was not

thetic material not available bef-

ore the end of the war, he said,

expressing surprise that such an

obvious forgery had been taken

Professor Hans Booms, of the

federal archives, who studied a

further four volumes, said the dia-

ries closely followed a published

work by historian Max Domarus

in 1964 and repeated several mis-

The bindings contained syn-

obtainable before 1955.

He added that Indochina.

BUCHAREST (R) - Chinese said his country was determined to

journalists, given before he left on judges improper, but a charge

said Peking sought an imp- making publicly during his visit to

visit Yugoslavia next Tuesday malising Sino-Soviet relations.

spapers called on the magazine thorough investigation to dis-

faked.

seriously.

takes made in it.

Commentators here were agrwithdrawal of Syrian and Israeli Security sources said eight peo- eed that the flare-up was a restroops from Lebanon has brought ple bad been killed in fighting ponse to U.S. Secretary of State George Shuliz's efforts to get Syrian and Israeli troops to withdraw from Lebanon.

Some see the fighting as an au-empt by the two sides, who have been engaged in a localised civil but local radio stations reported war in the Israeli-held mountains isolated firing and shelling con- for months, to gain an advantage

saying, could not renounce its pri-

nciples while wishing to normalise

its relations with the Soviet Union

In a further criticism of the Sov-

iet Union, this time apparently

over Moscow's military int-

ervention in Afghanistan, Mr. Hu

occupation of a socialist country

by another country, the more so if

the country is a socialist one, can

be named an action of the socialist

The state of Sino-Soviet rel-

ations in the light of recent signs of

rapprochement between the two

Communist giants was believed to

have been among topics Mr. Hu

Siern announced the discovery

of the diaries in a blaze of publicity

just two weeks ago, setting off a

debate among historians as to

Trevor-Roper, who originally

David Irving, who thought they

found originally in the wreck of a

plane that crashed in April 1945

while trying to carry the diaries to

Mr. Nannen said Stern would

Newspaper reports suggest

Mr. Nannen said he thought

Stern had taken all reasonable

steps in the time available to test

the diaries' authenticity but

added: "We have some reason to

be ashamed, especially towards

our readers, that this has hap-

Stern paid several million marks

launch a thorough investigation

safety at the end of the war.

minds in the meantime.

into the affair.

for the diaries.

"No imposition of a military

and Vietnam.

proletariat..."

discussed Friday -

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## **Egypt** welcomes Lebanon agreement

CAIRO (R) — Egypt Saturday welcomed the Lebanese-Israeli agreement on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon as a positive step towards a total Middle East settlement.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "Egypt has received with satisfaction reports of an agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli troops and hopes it will help Lebanon maintain full sovereignty over its territory."

The spokesman praised efforts of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on the conclusion of the agreement and said: "It will give great momentum to Middle East peace efforts to preserve the rights of the Palestinian people."

He expressed hopes the agreement would eventually lead to the withdrawal of other troops in Lebanon, referring to Syrian and Palestinian forces.

outside Lebanon to consolidate the efforts of the Lebanese legitimate authorities in maintaining the country's national unity." the spokesman added.

# off to Aden

their authenticity.

British Hitler experts Hugh pronounced them genuine, and were faked, both changed their Stern said the diaries were

three days in Aden, was led by Ibrahim Al Sobhi, the Saudibased council's assistant secretary-general for political aff-

formed two years ago.

eared to be to follow up on the council's success in securing a rapending 15 years of political feu-

## 'Irgun Hamagan behind Halhoul arson' organisation] carried out the which affects the community out

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A secret Jewish org- also said that the Halhoul arson anisation with the aim of "taking revenge for sione-throwing attacks by Arabs' in the Israelioccupied West Bank was reported to have claimed responsibility for an attempt to set fire to vehicles in the town of Halhoul last Thu-

rsday. The Jerusalem Post reported Friday that an anonymous caller told Israel Radio that the Irgun aliate by imposing curfews on Hamagan (the shield or defender

Jewish venicies. was not very successful "since little damage was caused."

Threats to inflict punishment on Arabs who throw stones at Israeli settlers and army patrols were repeatedly made by Jewish extremisis in the past.

Stone-throwing, however, is regarded as a serious offence by the Israeli authorities who ret-

attack in response to assaults on of proportion to the original inc-

According to the Israeli newspaper the Irgun Hamagan, which announced its existence last week, has claimed responsibility for more serious attacks such the breaking of the windows of 42 cars in Beit Jala recently, an attack on two Arab vehicles between Hebron and Yatta last Monday; and the planting of a bomb at the Kazazin Mosque in Hebron last February, which exploded, wounding two local residents.

## U.S. to lift ban on F-16 sales to Israel

Arab areas -- an unwarranted act

State George Shultz says the U.S. ital that Israel would get the plawill lift an embargo on the sale of 75 F-16 warplanes to Israel following Israel's agreement to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, the New York Times reported

Saturday. In a report from Amman, the newspaper said Mr. Shultz told reporters flying with him Friday report added.

"We urge all parties inside and TEL AVIV (R) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Saties from Lebanon but asked Was-

## GCC team

BAHRAIN (R) - A Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) mission left for Aden Saturday to discuss how to bolster ties between Marxist South Yemen and the sixnation grouping, the official Saudi Press Agency said.
The mission, which will spend

The Gulf Cooperation Council. grouping Saudi Arabia, Oman. Kuwait, the United Arab Emirales, Qatar and Bahrain, was The mission's objective app-

prochement between South later. Yemen and Oman last October. when they signed an agreement

NEW YORK (R) - Secretary of from Israel to the Jordanian cap-

nes by 1985. The Times noted that when President Reagan imposed the ban last summer he said it would last until Israeli troops withdrew from Lebanon. But Mr. Shultz told the reporters there was now no reason to hold up the sale any longer, the

It also quoted Mr. Shultz as saving that clarifications sought by Israel about the agreement on withdrawal from Lebanon did not

pose any real problem. They dealt mainly with the size of the anti-commando unit that would be given to Major Saad Haddad, the pro-Israeli Lebanese militia commander in South Lebanon, the Times said.

## Shamir: Israel will strengthen Haddad

urday Israel was not satisfied with the proposals on the future of South Lebanese militia leader Saad Haddad contained in an accord on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

On Friday, Israel accepted in principle a U.S.-sponsored agr-

hington for clarifications on several points.

Mr. Shamir sold Israel Radio: "We shall be taking steps in the next few days to strengthen his (Major Haddad's) position, and he and his comrades can rest assrole in South Lebanon."

Mr. Shamir said that unless Syria withdrew its forces from Lebanon, "we will have to act to protect our soldiers in Leb-

Israel has indicated it may withdraw to a safer line in South Lebured that he will play a decisive anon if Syria refused to pull out.

## Gulf states study ways to counter slick

BAHRAIN (R) - Warring Iran crude into the Gutf for at least two ann Iraq Saturday joined other Gulf states at crisis talks here on fighting a giant oil slick threatening their coasts, conference officials said.

Technical experts were trying to draw up anti-pollution guidelines following the collapse of ministerial talks last month on capping Iranian wells which have been spewing thousands of barrels of oil daily into the Gulf, they said.

The officials said experts from Iran. Iraq. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain were at the talks. They hoped that representatives from Oman and Qatar would arrive

The wells in Iran's Nowruz field at the head of the Gulf have been pouring an estimated 2.000 to 8,000 barrels a day of thick, tarry

months. Political wrangling between

Iran and Iraq at three ministerial meetings prevented any agreement on capping the wells, two of which are believed to be ablaze. But a meeting in Kuwait last month agreed to ask experts to

lution. lraq offered a limited ceasefire in the slick area. Iran rejected this, saving it wanted only a safeconduct pledge from Baghdad for

formulate a plan to fight any pol-

repair crews. Iran has said it reached an understanding with the six Arabian Peninsula states on creating a demilitarised zone in the area. But Iraqi acceptance, which has not been forthcoming, is crucial to

capping the wells. The officials said no com-

prehensive assessment of the slick's size was available and more surveillance was needed.

Estimates of the slick vary widety, with some experts putting it at the size of Belgium. But by one commonly accepted reckoning. paiches of oil are doned aeross about 8,000 square miles of the

semi-enclosed waterway. Experts say they believe most of the oil is still in Iranian waters and moving very slowly because winds and tides are countering each other. Some of them add that it could be a month before sizeable patches of oil hit the lower Gulf

The Gulf states have acted to proteet vital installations, such as power and water plants, from the oil. But hundreds of miles of beaches and coastline remain vul-

## **FEATURES**

## Britain's stately homes fight for

By Clare Fallon Reuter

LONDON — Britain's stately homes have opened their gates to tourists, pop music fans, film crews and even gorillas in their struggle for survival.

High taxes and soaring maintenance costs mean that many of Britain's landed gentry have to allow the paying public into their ancestral homes to ensure their upkeep.

Other members of the gentry. unable to meet the costs, have abandoned their once palatial properties to the combined ravages of neglect, dry rot and unsympathetic planners, says Save Britain's Heritage (save), a compaigning group formed eight years

Between 1945 and 1974, 629 stately homes in England. Scotland and Wales were demolished. Save Chairman Marcus Binney says. At least 70 more are now in danger through neglect. More than 800 survive by let-

ting in the public and many rely on no more than ancient works of art and splendid furnishings. Longlear an Elizaberhan man-

sion in southwest England, has gorillas and lions in its park. Althorp, ancestral home of Princess Diana, offers evenings of Gilbret and Sullivan music.

Longleat's owner, the Marquess of Bath, estimates stonework repairs alone cost 28,000 sterling (\$43.000) a year.

Opening the grounds to science Jiction conventions and an annual teddy bears' picnic -- which last year drew 30.000 people -- helps him to pay the bills.

The siepmother of Princess Diana wife of heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles, charges guests 30

and musical evenings at Althorp, a 17th-century house near Northampton in central England, to help meet annual running costs of 80,000 sterling (\$124,000).

Some homes have survived by being sold for other uses.

Mentmore Towers, a 19thcentury mansion huilt for the Rothschild family near Ayleshury, 55 kilometres northwest of London. was bought in 1977 by a transcendental meditation group which still allows visitors to look. round.

Heavy taxes force some owners to sell. Duties are imposed on an estate when the owner dies and it transfers to his heirs. In addition. sales tax is charged on repairs and maintenance.

Lord Edward Brownlow hlamed taxes when he announced last week he was putting his ancestral home. Belion House, on the mar-

sterling (\$46) a head for dinner ket for 10 million sterling (\$16 million).

Faced with a large bill after his father died in 1978, he added an adventure playground to Belton, a 17th-century house in 4,800 acres (1,950 hectares) near Grantham, central England.

But he failed to attract enough visitors to keep it going. This week, seven owners, worried by the future of their stately homes, handed together to org-

They hoped to reverse falling attendance figures, said the Duke of Marlborough, who owns 18thcentury Blenheim Palace, where World War II leader Winston Churchill was born.

anise joint promotions.

Save says some 80 country houses are empty and derelict. Many. listed hy the government as huildings of architectural merit, are protected from demolition and so iust ahandoned

Companies have been keen to take over stately bomes as prestige offices. But this could cause prohlems, Binney says.

"New huildings are often erected hurriedly in unsympathetic materials in conspicuous positions and damage is done to the beauty and integrity of the house's arc-

hitecture and setting."
Instead, Save is backing a scheme to convert some stately homes into flats while preserving their character and features.

Dingley Hall in Northamptonshire, central England, was almost derelict when an architect bought it in 1976, Binney said. He restored orginal features, converted the 16th-century house into 10 flats, which sold easily, and preserved the grounds.

"This is the one solution most likely to attract people who will appreciate the qualities of the house and its surroundings," he

### Rogers, who gave Paris its hightech Pompidou Arts Centre, had

LONDON — If architect Richard his way in London. a glassencased walkway with soaring domed pavilions would stretch along the city's south bank riverside area and over the River Thames.

By Eiko Fukuda

Reuter

But this novel idea, part of a controversial office and housing scheme, has met with spirited opposition from local residents who feel threatened hy what they say would be another sterile development for commercial use.

The Coin Street project, covering a 12-acre (five heactares) site of derelict warehouses and car parks behind the National Theatre complex, illustrates the obstacles blocking urban renewal in one of the world's major cities.

It is the largest development site in central London and potentially the most profitable given its access to both the "city", London's financial hub, and the mainline rail commuters' terminal at Waterloo.

This site is the last major opportunity to create a social magnet on the south bank of the Thames." says Rogers, who deplores what he calls the windswept desert atmosphere characterising the area.

In 1951, the south bank became the site for the Festival of Britain, the country's largest cultural exposition since the great exhibition of 1851 in the heyday of the Victorian era.

In spite of this distinction and the monumental theatre and concert balls which bave been built there, the area lacks the buman activity found in comparable sites such as the Pompidou in Paris or the Rockefeller Centre in New York.

"If you never visit concerts or the theatre there is nothing at all to attract you," Rogers said. "The

place is a windswept desert. No life, no bustle, not even a street musician."

London residents distrust Rogers' plan

Rogers' scheme provides for a combination of high-rise offices, terraced houses with gardens, light industrial workshops and 200,000 square feet (18,600 sq metres) for recreation and sho-

Architectural critics here have praised his attempt to diversify the site. In addition to the glass bridge, his plan incorporates a shopping galleria, a sunken outdoor amphitheatre, and that meeting places for the public.

But local residents, already surrounded by giant office towers which contribute little to community life, see such features as cosmetic: "The plan is a Berlin Wall to shut off south London from the river," said lan Tuckett. a spokesman for the Association of Waterloo Groups (AWG), the neighbourhood council.

"They can draw what they like on paper, but you can't just slap down a third of a mile (530 metres) of shopping and think that it would work," he added.

Past experience with architects and planners has fostered resentment and distrust for largescale developments among Londoners. Just down the road from Coin Street is the Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre which promised inner city revival but soon became dank and underused as massive blocks and highway traffic invaded the area.

South bank residents in particular have weathered numerous proposals featuring tree-lined piazzas, community sports centres and other appealing features but which more often than not have failed to materialise.

To counter Rogers, Tuckett's group, the AWG, bas proposed a rival scheme emphasising housing and light industry, which they say will bring people back to Coin Str-

"The Waterloo area has seen a 30 per cent drop in population since the war," said Tuckett, "at the heart of it is the demolition of houses either for office and company use, tourist or short-term pied-a-terre use."

Tenants in the area were being thrown out by those able to afford flats costing 500,000 sterling (5780,000). Tuckett said, nothing that Rogers' scheme would drive south bank land prices and rents even higher.

The AWG, backed by London's left-wing municipal government, have fought Rogers and his property developers, Greycoats Commercial Estates, in two public inquiries said to have cost two million sterling (\$3 million) in legal

They have recently appealed to the High Court to quash the planning permission given to the scheme by the Ministry of Environment last December.

"The issue is totally political." said a Greycoates spokesman. 'local politicians had used the planning issue to win positions on neighbourhood councils while failing to recognise the national importance of the site."

Rogers himself expressed sympathy for the residents' plight: "the locals are being pushed out. there's no doubt about it." he said. "The market has been driven out and the community has eroded."

The world-renowned architect says he seeks to redress the imhalance between company offices which turn their backs to the neighbourhood and private houses which give little to the public at

'The only thing I can do is to create a community where people can live a balanced life... it won't be the same community," he said, "nothing can keep the same community.

## Isle of M independent

By Martin Nesirky

Rewer

DOUGLAS. Isle of Man - A young labour condemned to death for murdering a haby spent 85 days in a cell on this semiautonomous island resort waiting to be hanged.

But after 19-year-old Stephen Moore's long weeks in solidarity confinement at the island's small prison in the capital, Douglas, Britain commuted his sentence to life imprisonment and transferred him to a bigger mainland jail.

The case in many ways typifies the status of the island, which although officially independent from Britain and with a way of life in many ways different to that of the mainland, has to seck formal approval from London for all its legislation.

A scenic and popular holiday resort in the Irish Sea, just 50 kilometres long and 20 kilometres wide, the Isle of Man has a tradition of rough justice hut in rec-ent years it has been unable to

mete ii out. The island's 1,000-year-old parliament, the Tynwald, retains capital punishment for murder but the imposition of the death sentence on Moore was as much a formality as the British government order for his reprieve two

months ago. Because Britain abolished capital punishment in 1964 for all crimes except treason, it is unlikely Manx authorities will ever again use the hangman's noose.

last employed in the 1870s. atively placid. But on law and order many are outspoken and some are vitriolic.

In February, during one of a long series of debates on the death fers of the island, a tax haven with penalty, one memher of the Tynwald's lower chamber, the House of Keys, said: "I am a hardliner, I. do not helieve in turning the other refuge and offshore hanking cencheek. My inclination is to slap tre shows that although the islhack."

He said unofficial referendums had shown that up to 90 per cent of the Manx electorate was in favour of capital and corporal pun-

ishment. But although the island is officially independent from Britain in

all matters except defence and Most of the 04,000 islanders, a foreign policy, it knows it must handful of whom use the old Manx carefully balance that indlanguage, a type of Gaelic, are rel- ependence with political and economic reality.

Britain is its main trading partner. British banks and companies there contribute greatly to the cofflat rate income tax at 20 per cent and few other levies.

The island's status as a low tax anders may be avowedly conservative in their approach to justice, they are financially astute.

Already well known in the collectors' world for its stamps and coins' the Isle of Man now plans to introduce in August a waterproof plastic pound note which will be

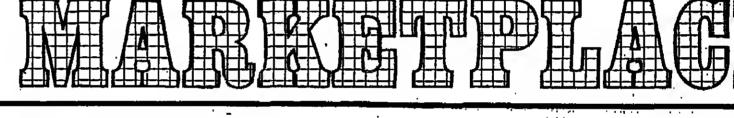
far more durable than its paper counterpart.

Like the present notes, the new pound will depict the head of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, but significantly without a crown.

Since the British monarchy bought the island two centuries ago from Scottisb durkes, the rulmg monarch bas been known here as Lord of Man.

This unusual relationship with the mainland, echoed by the fact that the island is not a member of the Common Market but has close links with it, lends the Isle of Man an almost anachronistic air.

As a growing financial centre the island has one foot in the future, but as one of the Western world's last countries with the death penalty for murder,



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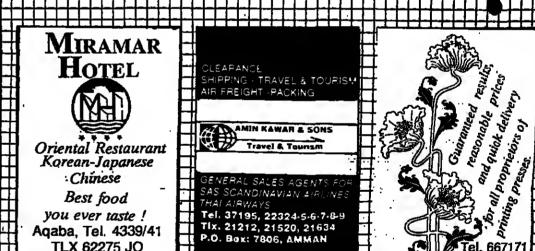
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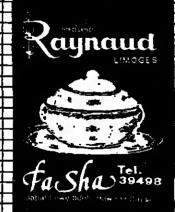
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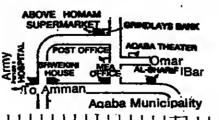
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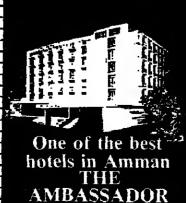
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## COVENERS

## **FAO** seminar seeks to unify pan-Arab farming credit policy



Dr. Sami Sunna'

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Near East North Africa Reginnal Agricultural Credit Association opened a two-week course here Saturday on agricultural credit man-

A total of 25 participants from nine Arab countries are attending the course where they will hear presentation on the sources agricultural credit. the importance of agriculture in developing nations' economies, methods of ohtaining

During the course, the attendants will also tour a number of agricultural projects in Jordan.

Addressing the opening session was the Director-General of the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC). Dr. Sami Sunna, who out-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry

of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs ann-

ounced here Saturday that it will

hold a special religious ceremony

in Amman Tuesday to mark the

feast of Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj, the

anniversary of Prophet Moh-

ammad's nocturnal journey to

Jerusalem and his ascension to

At the ceremony, Islamic Chief

Justice Sheikh Ihrahim Qattan, will be closed.

and return from heaven.

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and Syrian withdrawal.

summer's Israeli siege.

anese mountains.

in preparation for possible Israeli

But there was no quick exp-

lanation as to what the various

parties involved hoped to gain from spreading the fighting and pouring shellfire onto the capital

in its worst barrage since last

At the centre of the fighting is

the century-old rivalry between

the Christians and the Druze, a

sect of some 120,000 in Lebanon,

who share the rugged central Leb-

Awqaf Ministry announces

Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj service

lined the importance of the course which he said "will improve the capabilities and skills of the personnel employed in agricultural credit operations."

He later told the Jordan Times that the course is organised by the Amman-based association which is a branch of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

Also addressing the opening session was the association's Secretary-General Ibrahim Abdullah who said that the course is the third of its type to be held following those held in Pakistan and Cyprus. He called on the participants to agree nn proposals aimed at unifying agricultural credit policies in the Arab World.

Also speaking at the opening session was the Director-General of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation (JCO), Hassan Nahulsi, who stated that extending credit to small farmers was a basic requisite for developing agriculture. He then went on to assert that agricultural dev-

The countries taking part in the course are Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, North and South Yemen, Lehanon, and

between the armies of the two

main protagonists in the Middle

East conflict, Israel and Syria, giv-

ing an international scope to the

began when Israel invaded Leb-

anon last June. The Israelis pus-

hed back the Syrians from the

Shouf mountains south-east of

Beirut, until then a Druze str-

onghold, and allowed in their all-

ies, the right-wing militiamen

known as "the Lebanese Forces." Since then, the rightists have

fought sporadically with gunmen

The latest round of clashes

ning of that feast.

Artillery fire rocks Beirut

## elopment is the key to achieving food security in the Arah World. credit and repayment.

## the dean of the Shari'a College and the mufti of the armed forces

will make speeches on the mea-Other ceremonies throughout the country will also be held on that day which will be celebrated as a public holiday. As such, government departments and the offices of other public institutions poster category.



Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif formally opens a bazaar in aid of charity at the Islamic Cultural Centre Saturday (Petra photo)

### Sharif opens charity bazaar

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif Saturday opened a cha-rity bazaar organised by the Isl-amic Cultural Centre.

On display, during the one week bazaar, are samples of children's clothings, paintings, artificial finwers, needlework, girls' costumes and books; all prepared by handicapped children.

### Falcons' poster earns award

AMMAN (J.T.) - The judges of the 1983 "Desi Awards", organised by Graphics Design, USA of New York, have selected the Royal Jordanian Falcons' 1982 summer tour poster for its "excellence in the creation of a graphic design and its execution" in the

under overall Israeli control. exp.

Intense artillery duels have

devastated the cream-coloured

stone villages nestling in pine for-

ests and caused a massive exodus

from the main towns to the rel-

ative safety of Beirut.

## Tender team to assess Hamzeh hospital bids

AMMAN (J.T.) - A special tender committee formed by the Ministry of Puhlic Works will consider the bids submitted by 140 companies for the implementation of plex, Al Ra'i newspaper said Sat-

Jordan Times

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After months of killing, the Israelis imposed a ceasenre in February which largely held until it became clear this week that Israel was preparing to accept Mr. Shultz's draft withdrawal plan.

Then mountain gunners joined battle again and turned their artillery on Beirut with the vast majority of shells blasting rightist areas in the east of the capital and the coast to the north.

U.S. Marines in Beirut spotted the first shells coming from Israeli-held areas but could not tell from which militia.

## VTC chief, World Bank discuss possible financing

AMMAN (Petra) — The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) has held discussions with the World Bank on the possibility of financing a number of vocational programmes to be carried out in Jordan

Discussinn on the subject was conducted by VTC Director-General Munzer Al Masri during his visit to the United States over in the past week.

Mr. Masri, who returned to Amman Friday evening, said he also reviewed with World Bank officials the nutcome of a special study which the World Bank had conducted in Jordan on the country's skilled manpower requirements.

While in the United States, Mr. Masri took part in a conference on vocational training which ended last week at the University of Wis-

The conference prepared the ground for an international conference on vocational training which will be held in Canada in 1985 and which will cover cooperation hetween the industrialised and developing nations on the promotion of vocational training programmes, Mr. Masri said.

Jordan, he said, is member of an 18-member committee preparing for the Canada conference, Mr. Masri submitted to the Wisconsin conference a working paper on the relationship between vocational training and general economic development policies in Jordan.

# Abu Odeh

It said that the first phase of the project, to be carried out to the north-east of Amman, is expected to cost JD 40 million. The JD 70 million complex will entail the the Prince Hamzeh hospital com- construction of a 600-bed hospital, a blood bank and other facilities, according to Health Min-

> The ministry has plans to huild similar hospitals in Tafileh, Ma'an and Irbid, the sources said.

## opens exhibition AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Information Adnan Ahu Odeh

opened in Amman Saturday an exhibition of arts and models produced by female school students.

On display at the Comprehensive School for Girls are

paintings, artificial flower arrangements, scale models in plaster depicting the local environment, calligraphy and other arts rep resenting Jordanian traditional and folk art.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal,

## Hassan praises scouting movement in Ajloun visit

Saturday paid a visit to the Ajloun scout camp where Jordanian sco- on. uts and girl guides are holding a ! seminar on the role of the scouting.

movement. In a speech to the participants. Prince Hassan praised the role of the Jordanian scouting movement

AJLOUN (Petra) — His Royal leaders' efforts in this respect. He Highness Crown Prince Hassan also made a jour of the camp and was briefed on the activities going

> Several Ministry of Education officials, leaders of the Jordanian scouting movement and representatives from the Youth Welfare Organisation accompanied

and voiced appreciation of the the Prince on his visit.

## Tal urges adoption of new technology in education field

AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal opened here Saturday a 10-day regional seminar on the influence of the mass communications media on the educational process in the Arab World.

He told the delegates from 14 Arab countries gathered at the Yarmouk University's Liaison Office that nearly one-third of lordan's population are students, putting the country in the forefront of those nations that are leading the world in educational

In view of its tremendous expansion in education. Jordan has come to realise the importance of the role of technology in education. It is imperative, Dr. Tal said, that students be taught how properly to use the new equipment and hardware, but such technology is also invaluable as an aid in the improvement of teaching methods.

The Ministry of Education, he said, has been making use nf radio and television media since 1968 mainly to transmit educational

programmes to students in Jordan during class hours, and has created a special department for technology to improve the quality of education as well as to train tea-

He then expressed a hope that the seminar will arrive at recnmmendations which will help his ministry to improve teacher training programmes in technnlngical fields and to further exploit existing audio visual aids.

Also addressing the opening session was Information Minister Adnan Ahu Odeh who said that information media like radio and television help to propagate edu-

Mr. Abu Odeh said that "our society should not only act as a consumer of nther nations' commndities and ready-made programmes as these might conflict

with our values and principles. Therefore," he continued, "we have to plan our own integrated educational programmes".

The seminar is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), whose representative Dr. Abdul Qader Yusef said in a speech that Jordan plays a unique role in the organisation's activities in the region due in its cluse cooperation in educational fields with other Arab countries.

This seminar he said is dedicated to improving the training of leachers in the use of the inf-. ormation media in education.

The participants will discuss several working papers on 173ining, educational skills, the use of mass media in education and other related inpics

Delegates from UNESCO along with representatives from North Yemen, Morncco, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Sudan. Algeria. Tunisia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan are taking part in the seminar.



Information Minister Adnan Ahu Odeh (centre) and . Education Minister Sai'd Al Tal (to Mr. Abu Odeh's right) view a model on display at an exhibition Mr.

Ahu Odeh opened Saturday at the Comprehensive School for Girls (Petra photo)

## Week-long productivity seminar opens at IPA

AMMAN (Petra) - A week-long seminar on productivity opened at the Institute of Public Adm-

inistration in Amman Saturday. Participants are to be lectured on ways of increasing productivity, defining and measuring

productive forces, production

management, and the optimal deployment of the organisation's resources.

Taking part in the seminar are representatives from various puhlie and private industrial, commercial and financial institutions in Jordan.



The week-long seminar on productivity at the Institute of Public Administration opens in Amman Saturday (Petra photo)

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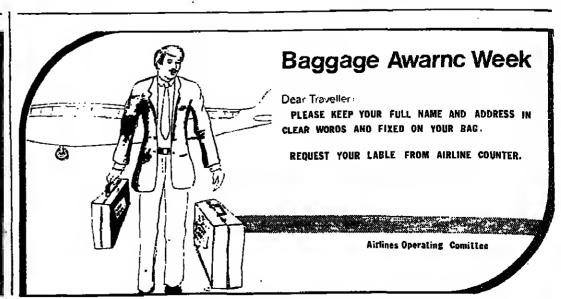
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## Solidly behind Lebanon

IT may be a bit early to judge the full impact of the Lebanonisrael draft agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. For one, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have yet to say their final word on whether they will match any Israeli withdrawal with a step of their nwn i: pull back from the Beka'a Valley and the north of Lebanon. Second, the clarifications sought by the Israeli government on security" matters, related to renegade Major Sa'ad Hadind's future and other questions, remain on the agenda, des--: American assurances that they pose no real problem for the negotiators in the end. And third, there is the impact that the accord might have on American-Israeli relations that the accord might have and consequently on the balance of power in the region, for the foreseeable future at least.

No matter how it is looked upon, the agreement remains important for two reasons: it is a good, perhaps the best, opportunity for Lebanon to restore its full sovereignty and rebuild the country; and, it will be a major indicator of how the wider peace process in the Middle East will proceed from here.

For their part, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and his government have all along made it known to all the Arabs and the world that they would never accept any Israeli condition that infringed upon Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity; and there can be no doubt that Lebanon has struggled valiantly and done its best, in negotiations with the Americans and Israelis, to achieve the maximum possible in its national goals under the very difficult circumstances in which the tripartite talks were conducted. The Lebanese leadership therefore deserves added and continued support from every Arab, certainly not tutelage and more unnecessary complications.

On the other hand, Israel's announced preparedness to witadraw its occupation army from Lebanon is not for free either. Its "security" concern, we all know, has been but a facade for Israel's real aims in Lebanon as represented by achieving political and trade gains that could not have been possible before the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last summer. Political and economic gains notwithstanding, Israel has accepted the U.S.-sponsored draft agreement with Lebanon first under stepped-up military pressure from Lebanese and Palestinian guerrilla attacks against the Israeli army south of Beirut, but clearly to get a better deal elsewhere from the Americans (whether in terms of increased military and economic aid or the demise of the Reagan proposals of Sept. 1), and eventually to blame any failure in reaching a Lebanon accord on the Syrians and the Palestinians.

In any case, the real significance of the Lebanon-Israeli draft accord can only and ultimately lie in its implementation. Until that moment comes, if it comes, we remain solidly behind

## **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'i: Only first step

THE United States has clearly played a key role in bringing about an Israeli-Lebanese agreement on the issue of troop-withdrawals from Lebanon. But it is clear also that the U.S. has had to offer Israel far-reaching assurances in order to win its approval of such an agrecment. Even if the agreement is implemented with the approval of both Lebanon and Israel, then the other non-Lebanese forces in Lebanon will still have to be won over. The other forces too would have to respect the Lebanese government's legitimate right to full sovereignly over Lebanon. Therefore, the Israeli-Lebanese agrcement is hut the first step towards bringing about peace and stability in the Middle East.

It is hoped now that the American administration will start tackling the other important issue, that of the Palestinian people's right to their homeland, and can start by putting an end to Israel's settlement policies for the sake of arriving at a final, durable and just settlement to the whole Middle East issue. The American administration ought to remember that it was Israel and not the Arabs that rejected the Reagan proposal for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. This administration should also try to win the confidence of the Palestinians if its credibility in the region is to be maintained.

## Al Dustour: Credibility: only half regained

PRESIDENT Reagan and his Secretary of State George Shultz deserve to be complimented on the dramatic agreement on pulling isracli forces out of Lebanon. Yet it is premature to judge the effect of this agreement because it is pending both Syrian and Palestinian approval for withdrawing their forces from Lebanese territory. Therefore Mr. Shultz's visit to Damascus Saturday is a vital part of agreements implementation. Though Syria has little room for manceuvre, it could still start a war in the Lebanese Bekaa Valley which would hamper the implementation of the agreement as such a war would offer Israel a justification for prolonging its stay in South

No doubt the Syrians will exact a price from Shultz for withdrawing their forces from Lebanon since the aggressor, Israel, has got away with many gains already. Thus we should remember that Mr. Shultz is still bogged down in a mine field, despite the dramatic agreement he has clinched. Mr. Shultz and the Reagan administration as : whole have still to regain Washington's credibility in the region by embarking on serious efforts to establish peace in the Middle East.

## Sawt Al Shaab: Precursor to wider dialogue

THE Israeli-Lebanese agreement worked out by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz can be considered a remarkable American diplomatic achievement at a time when Washington's credibility had dropped to its lowest ebb. No doubt, the agreement still hinges on Syria's approval also to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, as otherwise this will give the Israelis a pretext for prolonging their stay in South Lebanon.

The agreement, which no doubt grants Israel many privileges, is bound to end in a formal peace treaty-offering Israel the chance to establish diplomatic ties with Lebanon, open trade relations and cooperate with that country in policing South Lebanese territory. Despite the advantages or disadvantage of this American achievement, it could now usher in a wider dialogue among Middle East parties in order to arrive at a comprehensive peaceful formula.

## VIEW FROM AMERICA

# An era of religious awakening

The recent flow of events in the Middle East does not strike a note of optimism. Last month Jordan had turned down President Reagan's offer to join the peace negotiations and the move coincided with the assassination of PLO representative Issam Sartawi in Portugal. Meanwhile war between Iraq and Iran continues undeterred by the further spread of the giant oil slick down the Gulf Waters.

When this column appears.... as others of mine appear in American and other newspapers... events will have transpired which may make the significance of the above evenis, both dangerous and tragic, clear. But for today's writer the future remains clouded.

Yet perhaps it is my intuition

as a scholar that says we are moving onto different roads. Perhaps we shall come back to the same road, but there is no way we can know. Consider the

A year ago, an even bigger one erupted from a Mexican well and spread over the Gulf of Mexico finally reaching American beaches. It caused a great deal of pollution, but, some local people aside, not that much anger. Both govemments worked closely together to contain the spill, and even if Mexican pride sometimes forced Americans to take second place in the clean-up effort, in the end all worked out well.

But in that other. Middle Eastern Gulf, the situation is

very different. Many men are dying in a war, so what does the pollution of water really matter? And, from Iran's point of view, are not some of the Gulf nations staunch supporters of their arch-foe, Iraq? So the plague of spreading oil con-

Just as the oil spreads down the Gulf, so Jewish settlers spread onto the West Bank. It seems as if more than fate drives them. It seems as if some ancient urge drives them onto lands settled and owned by Arabs for centuries and millenia. In the U.S. there are millions of fundamentalist Christians who are convinced that the final chapter in the history of the world will unfold in the Holy Land... and soon. Some

even read prophetic meaning in the confederation of the ten nations that will seek to crusb Israel - did not the European Common Market become ten with the inclusion of Greece?

For two hundred years, a West that came out of the enlightenment of the 18th century, sought to shape the entire world according to dictates of reason that were believed to be imbedded in the laws of nature themselves. For the West, God was superseded by that vast set of logics that constituted an orderly nature and so also a potentially ordered humanity. War and killing and oppression and exploitation were not evidence of men's sinfulness but of problems, challenges to be resolved. It was the final and

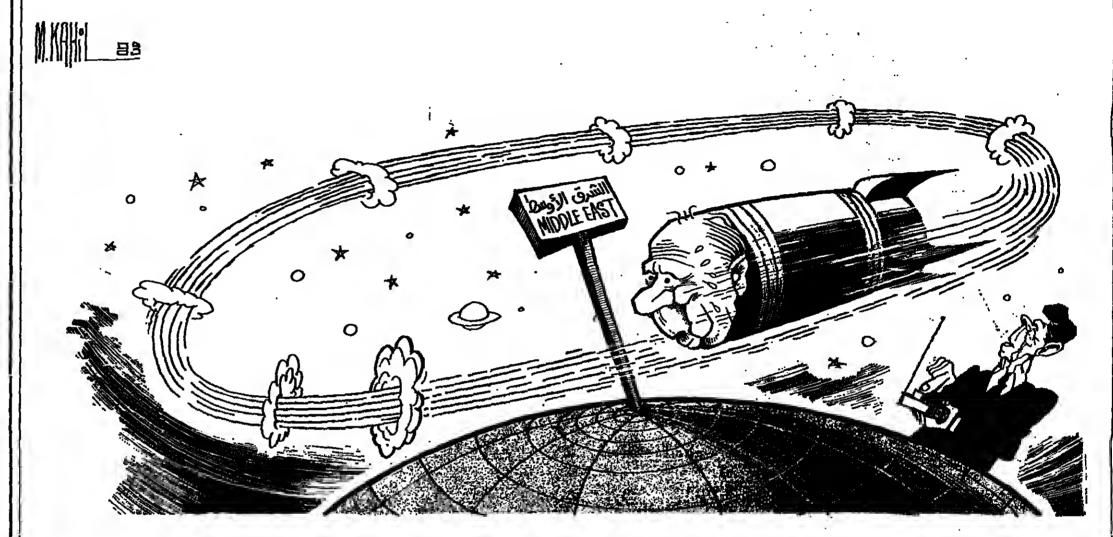
highest ideal of this West that the political communities of all nations could be so shaped.

Now a deep pessimism and sense of weakness has come over the Western world. One reason for the determination of so many Western... and Fastern and Southern ... nations to gain nuclear weaponry is the sense that such technology can compensate for weakeness. The weapons are so terrifying

that they will deter enemies. Out of this weakening of reason, one thing is becoming clearer even here in the West, especially the U.S. There is a turning to religion. People are not clear what religion really means. But the Western word, "religion," comes from Latin roots which are re-ligare and

Ligare is a word cognate wah ligament. Re-connecting means seeking roots, rediscovering bistory, and above all else finding a way to God

I am here, some 15 thousand kilometres from the Holy Land. Yet it seems as if what is happening has less and less to do with what leaders devise as strategies and more with deeper, historical, religious forces. Jews are driven into lands they call Judea and Samaria. Christians dig deeper into the lands that have been theirs even before Jesus came onto the earth. And among Muslims, it seems to me from a distance that there is a slow but eventually mighty awakening to their great bistorical destiny.



## Hitler Diaries: Lessons from a possible forgery

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr. WASHINGTON - Newsweek magazine, which nearly blew a wad of money on the "Hitler diaries," rather casually says at the end of its lengthy coverage that their genuineness "almost doesn't matter in the end." Real or fake. the excitement they generate tells

us a lot about ourselves. Newsweek may be right, though not quite in the sense intended. Real or fake, this "discovery" by Gerd Heidemann of West Germany's Stern magazine is fascinating parable of historical gul-

If I were teaching history I would have my students tackle this as a living lesson in historical detection. I would begin with the amazing co-incidence that these

previously unheard-of han- notebooks, though which only dwritten diaries by the century's master villain (who dictated all his known writings, from "Mein Kampf" on) should appear on the 50th anniversary of Hitler's accession to power.

From there. I would turn to its curious provenance: That a "former officer of the Wehrmacht" retrieved these notebooks, unscorched, from a flaming plane crash in 1945 and concealed them 'in a havloft" (where else, unless a pumpkin?) until his 81st year. Now, Prussians are celebrated

for their discipline. But this is truly abnormal self-restraint.

Consider next what has been disclosed about the physical condition of the alleged diaries. Here in mint condition are 60 identical

some 50,000 words have been spaced. How many diaries cov-Tering 13 years are all written on the same materials? How many famous diarists (hang your head. Samuel Pepys) have been so thothoughtful as to sign each page?

Hmmm. And what about the familiar characters and episodes on which the "diaries" are said to shed light -- or intriguing shadow?

Did Adolf Hitler really regard Neville Chamberlain, his hapless dupe at Munich, as "this smoothie Englishman ... this cunning fox"? If so, that judgment was his alone. No stranger misconception has emerged since Malcolm Muggeridge's story that the Nazis, having read P.G. Wodehouse, sent

spies to England in spats. And speaking of the English --

it is May 1940 and the Wehrmacht has the British Expeditionary Force pinned at Dunkirk -- they are, Hitler complains in one notebook, "driving me crazy. Should I let them escape or not?".

Whoever wrote that knew that Dunkirk is a historical puzzler; that Hitler, to the dismay of his generals, ordered his armour to pause. But there is much authoritative testimony on the point The terrain before Dunkirk was marshy and threaded with canals unfriendly to tanks; and Hitler had been persuaded by Goring that the Luftwaffe could destray the British forces on the beaches, sparing the army for the drive on

During the fateful pause, however. Goring's planes were foiled by bad weather and British Spithres, while an armada of small craft ferried British and French armies across the Channel to saf-

Like so many of history's puzzles, the Dunkirk miracle was made of muddle and miscalculation, not willed intent.

It seems overwhelmingly probable that the "diaries" are phony. That is apparently the almost universal suspicion of German scholars, whom Stern carefully kept out of the picture:

If they are forged, who benefits? Cupidity, of course, is never to be ruled out. But a palliated Hitler, a Hitler who admires Chamberlain, who cannot bring

himself to finish the British Army at Dunkirk, who is even a secret co-conspirator in Rudolf Hess's "peace" mission to England, who says nothing revealing about genocide, is a Hitler with a role to play in creating discord within NATO. If, say, Eastern-bloc forgers could make Hitler appear so "ordinary" and so reasonable. then the wartime Allies might seem malicious and unreasonable. Otherwise, why the division of

Germany in 1944-45? Good forgery is a bit like a chess board offensive. You must think at least one move ahead of the defender. The jury on the "Hitler diaries" is still out; but on the face of the matter it looks like clumsy

-- Washington Post.

## Can elections solve Italy's problems?

industrialist remarked.

By Tony Austin Reuter

ROME — The resignation of Christian Democratic Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani has paved the way for early general elections but few people believe this would solve Italy's political problems, political analysts said.

Opinion polls predict the country's 45 million voters would elect much the same political balance of Left and Right as has paralvsed the coalition governments of the past.

Italy's Socialists, junior partners in six recent cabinets, believe they stand to gain at the polls but analysts say there is no clear evidence to back the claim.

The Socialists pulled out of Fanfani's four-sided coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals on grounds that the alliance had exhausted its mandate after only five months in office.

But analysts described this as the flimsiest of recent pretexts for a coalition crisis and said preelection manoeurvring as much as genuine policy differences had

governments, including Fanfani's. Outside parliament, reactions government fell. have been bitter or resigned. The only argument for early elections

Opinion polls say the Christian Democrats may stand to lose some of the 38 per cent share of the vote they won in 1979, the main opposition Communists could hold or slightly improve on their 30 per cent, while the Socialists in third place could gain up to three points on their 10 per cent share.

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This would leave the Christian Democrats still dependent on the socialists and on or more of the smaller Centrist parties to keep their 37-year hold on the prime minister's office.

Only once, for 15 months up to last November, have the Christian Democrats ceded the prime ministership -- to Republican Giovanni Spadolini at the head of a five-party cabinet.

Despite his widespread popularity. Spadolini lacked the political base to push through urgent economic reforms or halt the persistent feuding between his Socialist and Christian Democratic

Fanfani. 75, had his eyes on the undermined successive Italian presidency rather than prime min-

istership when Spadolini's second

One columnist said that if he realised his ambition next year, one of Fantani's first tasks as president could be to dissolve parliament again in yet another govemment crisis.

Analysts said Socialist party leader Bettino Craxi appeared to be taking a caculated gamble m pushing hard for elections before the constitutional end of the legislature next year.

Some polls indicate that support for the Socialists is now on the decline. The Socialists risk losing ground to the Right because of corruption scandals, they said.

It seems unlikely Craxi would respond to the Communists' overtures for a Left-wing coalition.

Tha Communist party newspaper L'Unita said the crisis was not an isolated event but climaxed four years of coalition experiment that had failed. The paper renewed by implication the Communist offer to share power with the Socialists.

But Craxi has criticised what he calls the authoritarian structure of the Communist party and is believed to be unwilling to raise cooperation above the level of reg-

## Canadian Liberals' popularity plunges

Commons.

By Paul Majendie Reuter

OTTAWA - The popularity of Canada's ruling Liberals has plunged to an all-time low, with the Sphinx-like Pierre Trudeau still keeping everyone guessing about whether he will stand again at the next election. In fact, Canadian politics are in

state of flux now because no one knows who will be leading the two main parties into the general election, which does not bave to be called until early 1985, but is widely expected some time next year.

The charismatic Trudeau, who has just celebrated the 15th anniversary of his accession to power. still remains an enigma to many Canadians, especially reporters, whom he loves to tease about the eventual date of his departure.

Conservative Joe Clark briefly interrupted Trudeau's reign as NATO's longest-serving prime minister with a nine-month stint in

Trudeau returned triumphant in 1980 but now, with the country battered by a recession and many voters clamouring for an economic miracle, his Liberals have just 27 per cent backing from voters, according to the latest poll issued last week.

The Conservatives had the sup-

port of 52 per cent of the voters, the biggest lead the tories have had since Conservative Prime Minister John Diefenbaker swept to power in 1958 with 208 out of the 265 seats in the House of

But what makes that huge lead so baffling for political commentators to interpret is the fact that the conservatives have no leader at the moment.

Joe Clark decided to faunch a leadership race after failing to win an overwhelming vote of confidence from his party at a convention in the prairie town of Winnipeg in January:

He now faces 10 rivals in what has turned into a bitter battle. Organisers for leading candidates bave even admitted using tramps: and children to stack meetings choosing delegates for the June leadership convention in Ottawa.

Columnists argue that Canadians' disaffection with the Liberals must be intense if voters are prepared to back an opposition party more preoccupied with mternal divisions than offering solutions to the country's economic

Canada, the United States' big-gest trading partner, has a record and it could stay in double figures answer yet.

for years. Finance Minister Marc Lalonde has conceded. Inflation still stands at 7.2 per

cent, far above the rates of Canada's major trading partners and business rivals in Japan, Western Europe and the United States. Lalonde, whose budget last month was well received by busmess circles for its \$4 billion job creation programme, readily admits that much depends on when the

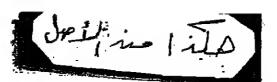
gile recovery and boom again. Trudeau, conducting one of his rare sessions with the press, said last week. "I don't foresee an election coming in the next several.

United States can build on the fra-

months, not if we can help it." With the combination of optimism and hard-nosed political savvy that has kept bim ahead for so long, he said: "Maybe the economy will improve and maybe the new leader of the Conservative Party will provide to be singularly inept at proposing better solutions tban we have in turning round the

есопому." . Now, if the recession really is over and Clark emerges once more as somewhat tarnished Conservative leader, then maybe Trudeau will be tempted to do battle again. But behind his wry smile. 12.6 per cent unemployment rate. no one has been able to fathom the

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## Student exchange programme leads to growth and harmony

The Arab Fellowship Society (AFS) was created a few months ago to start a pan-Arab student exchange programme in which fordan, Egypt and Tunisia will initially play the leading roles. But the organisation has grown out of a much older AFS, which has already enabled dozens of Jordanian students to sample life in the West, and vice versa. Salwa El Taher reports.

Field Service was founded in Paris, as a private effort of some Americans in France to help the French armies with their casualties. During the World War I. more than 2000 young Americans volunteered to drive ambulances on the Western Front.

The drivers learned to know and respect the people of France. Though their work was difficult and often dangerous, the amhulance drivers found they grew a great deal from their experience. When the war ended, these drivers did not dishand; rather, they used their organisation to further peace through understanding, by founding the AFS fellowships which provided opportunities for U.S. college students to attend French universities.

With the beginning of the World War II, the ambulance units were reactivated. This time, drivers served with French and British forces in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Following World War II, in 1947, and under the directorship of Siephen Gallatti. a small group of students from 11 countries was brought to the United States to live with American families and attend American schools. These young people were so eager to learn about life in a foreign culture, that AFS decided to focus its efforts on this 15 to 18 year-old

In 1950. AFS hegan sending Americans abroad to live with families. These programme in reverse were suggested by students who had speni a year in the states and gained so much from their experience that they wanted to return the hospitality. From here the programmes for high school students grew rapidly in many countries of the world. Even though wars and other serious disturhances have forced AFS to discontinue programmes in one or the other country, AFS continues to seek programme in new cou-

On the average, AFS has operated in sixty countries over the years. In the early 1970s the first student participants were exchanged between countries other than the United States By the early 1980s, AFS was operating in more than 600 hilateral programmes in 60 countries around the world.

AFS is essentially a volunteer organisation. 350 staff around the world support approximately 100.000 volunteers who provide essential services to programme participants such as selection, family finding, counselling, etc.

A member of the organisation ever since 1947, Jordan's exchange has so far been limited to the U.S. This year, 25 students left to live with American families and attend high school in the States, while five American students are currently living the Jordanian way

with five families in Amman. But the local office in Amman is his daughter after she came back, taking on a new name and added purposes. Thus, the Arah Fellowship Society was born early this year to go on with the student

In September 1914 the American exchange and to start a new pan-Arab programme. Egypt and Tunisia, the other two main Arah members of the organisation, will be the first countries in this programme.

The Arab Fellowship Society's office is headed by Mrs. Fadia-Zalatimo. She works actively all year round to find appropriate host families and to follow up the progress of our students ahroad. She is supported by voluneteers who believe in the value of the programme. Together, they interview candidates from all schools, choosing the most out-going, self-confident and active students. But host families are their higgest challenge, for the future and continuity of the programme depends on the willingness of Jordanian families to host.

### Give and take

One family that believes AFS to be a continuous give and take are the Bseisus. Mr. and Mrs. Nu man Bseisu sent their daughter Hala to the States last year and are currently hosting Sabrina, from the USA. They live with their three daughters. Reem, Dima and Hala in a two bedroom house in Shmeisani. Both parents bad been keen on sending Hala to the Sta-

"I liked the idea of my daughter becoming independent," explains

on the whole, is a happier person. And happy this household seems to be, as the sound of laughter and the hustle of activity all around me tells me this is both a husy and close-knit family.

But why did a couple who had three daughters host another one? 'I felt it to be a moral obligation. I simply owed it to AFS who gave me my daughter back so mature and self-assured."

The Bseisus hesitated to host at first because of the lack of space. My three daughters share the same room, you see. I was not sure at first if I should attempt to host. Then I decided to treat the 'AFS er' as my own child in every way. Ever since, I have felt natural and at ease. I am frank and clear in my dealings with Sabrina, as I am, actually, with all my daughters."

This is not the first time the Bseisus have hosted. "The Ministry of Social Affairs asked us last year through the principal of the school if we would host for five days a British girl who came to learn about Ramadan and other aspects of our culture. We accepted, of course, and it was a pleasure.'

Reem shows me a crystal bell that Dehbie gave the family in token of ber appreciation, and correspondence that she keeps up with them. Mrs. Bseisu hands me a lener from Minister of Social Affairs Mrs. In am El Mufti thanking them for their hospitality.

But hosting for five days must be different from hosting for a year?"I have always had my daughters' friends over, "explains Mrs. Bseisu. "I don't in any way feel Sahrina's presence as a strain. I do not do any extra work. I do

Hala and Sabrina walk in, each wearing the same pink woolen dress, with a white collar. Seeing my surprise, Mrs. Bseisu explains that she made these dresses for the girls herself.

"Didn't you know we were twins?", Hala asks me.

We were both born on July 19th, 1965, explains Sabrina. "My mother, who Bt first worried about my coming to the Middle East. was very excited about this fact."

As we move into the plant-filled diningroom where Mrs. Bseisu is serving tea and cakes, I ask Sabring how she felt when she knew she was coming to Jordan (AFS students cannot chose the country they go to, and only know about it B month or less before they actually set sail). "I had never considered coming

to the Middle East. so when I heard the news it was quite a shock. My father was set against it at first. He was very worried hecause of the situation in Beirut. Then my mother inquired at the State Department who told us it was safe. She then proceeded to convince my father. But I still did not know what to expect. There was no information whatsoever about Jordan at the AFS office in New York or anywhere. What I actually got from AFS New York was some incorrect information about the weather. I went to the library, but that did not help much either, I was totally, unprepared."

life in Jordan? "It takes a while. It is hard at school because the girls are so much younger. It is also hard for me to see so many people at home

How has Sabrina adjusted to

on your own now ... Meanwhile, Sabrina is passing her courses at the CMS with flying colours. Her school-mistress, Mrs. Zina Sharaiha, as well as individual teachers attest to her excellent performance.

### Jordanians abroad

But how much of a stress is it for 16-year-old Jordanians to go and live for a year in the States? Hala has a great deal to say:

"The ideB attracted me ever since I was in second primary. I always dreamt of seeing more and knowing more of the world. Now I can discuss things easier and with more depth. I would advise students to try to go, but not any student. You have to be ready to take a certain amount of stress and do a great deal of work. Would you believe I once had to give twenty short speeches in one day? I was so tired I lost my voice."

'It isn't as if you have to adjust to them, and that's all. Because they also have to adjust to you. And by the time they are seniors in High School, the students have usually formed close and exclusive cliques. It takes time and patience and a certain assertiveness to get accepted.

"But, from giving speeches I learnt to face people. From being on my own in a foreign environment I discovered my own potential, it was a proving time for

When you come back, it is not over. You have to re-adjust at school, at the CMC, I had to prove myself all over again, and get reaccepted.

But letters sent hy Hala's American family tell us how much we can expect from our best students and how proud we can be. The following is an excerpt from a letter sent by Mr. J.A. Janson to Mr. and Mrs. Bseisu:

The AFS programme was very well organised and considerate of all involved. The only thing they neglected to tell us was that when Hala left it would be like losing a daughter! Of course, it won't be forever. We expect to see Hala many more times. Nonetheless, it was very painful when Hala left. We all sobbed like babies."

And, further down: "I have been exposed to a few people generally acknowledged to be in the category of great people. None of them were teenagers hecause they have not achieved the status and recognition. However, predict that Hala will some day in some field, be a person that will make a great contribution. She is endowed with extraordinary intelligence, diplomacy, wit and energy and will undoubtedly surface as a world leader. Hala has the self in a way that will be of considerable consequence to man-

## Once a host, always a host?

Another enthusiasuc family are the Nashashibis. They have hosted four times, Mrs. Kawthar El Nashashibi explains: "Just as our students act as

ambassadors for us abroad, so we act as amhassadors here to our guesis. As an aware individual. 1 wanted to do my share in countering the propaganda against

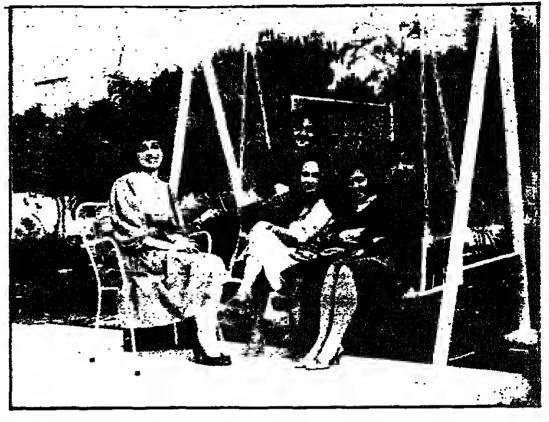
Does hosting put any stress on the family?

Hosting really brings out the best in us. For we are by nature hospitable people. But every experience in hosting is different. My first one was a test in coexistence. There were clashes in the beginning: I would go out of my way to cook special food. Then things smoothed out. Liza, my first girl,

present from her "sister" Abir. mony on her eighteenth birthday.

"I was a bit disappointed when I first learnt I was coming to Jordan," says Shana right out. "The Middle East, I had never even considered." Shana comes from Boulder, Colorado, "When I arrived, I was surprised to find eve- have earned my place in the family rything pretty much the same col- and I am proud of it.

present from her "sister" Abir. "I am evaluating things and Shana looked the picture of harevents more carefully. Whenever I am not here. Mama feels as if there is an empty place. So now I pick what I want to do. In the past, if I didn't do something, I felt as if I was missing out on things. At first. it seemed to me as if I was always home, going nowhere. Now I fee! 1



Sabring (centre) is treated exactly as if she were a member of the family

came to prefer Arabic food after a while and to appreciate our way of

living.
"Every hosting experience has also been a learning experience of some sort. Every one of my girls came from a different state, with her own accent, religion, background.

Liza, the Nashashibi's first AFS-er is still remembered with a great deal of nostalgia and tenderness. Her picture stands on one of the living-room tables, and her Christmas card to Mama, addressed and signed in Arabic.

Mrs. Nashashibi sighs: "I miss Liza very much. But she still calls me on my hirthdays. I plan to hring her back to Jordan one day on my own account. You see, insread of going to America. I hrohight America here. Now I have daughters and homes in the USA. just as they have a mother and a home in Jordan."

"Wow! You're kidding? A white Christmas "Shana's voice hubles as she speaks on the phone in the other room: her 'natural' family were calling her hecause it was Christmas, and her birthday.

Meanwhile, her Jordanian mother speaks with affection of the way her current guest, Shana, has integrated into her home: "She has grown attached, even committed, to us. She has grown more disciplined and more organised. And she is clearly more understanding and discriminating.

## Harmony and growth

Glowing in her new royal blue dress with Silver embroidery, a our: the land, the buildings and even the trees are a sandy green. Architecture is all so square and linear. Now, I almost like it. It seems so much more organised," Was she homesick, on this dou-

"I am homesiek today", confesses Shana, "But it isn't as bad as it was during Thanksgiving, I guess that means I am more adjusted to here now, and on better terms with my family. Abir and 1 never fight, but we tease each other a lot."

bly special day?

"I have no problems at schoot." says she, confirming Socur Hilou's report about her (Shana attends at the Sisters of Nazareth School), "I courses in Arabic. I remember my physics diagrams and I learn the follow." Shana's grades in physics are over 90 per cent. The same goes for chemistry and maths." studied grammar. And I also get love she is capable of. the chance to do creative writing."

Asked how she saw herself now as compared to when she first arrived. Shana says: "I am able to cope with situations so much hetter. Before I came. I felt that anything going wrong was a personal attack on me. Now I see it is not hetter.

"I have learnt to listen to what people actually say, instead of hearing what I want them to say. language harrier."

"I am listening to my own thoughts more. I have started a diary seriously. I missed writing only once since I came here. This helps me to work out things better."

Social clues threw me off, at first. Once thing I found confusing was the boy-girl relationship. It seems that a boy and a girl can only he either merely acquainted or engaged. It took me a while to realise friendship hetween the sexes was not common. The way i related to boys was considered forward when I first came, so I decided that was not be best way of doing things.

"I realise now that there are two sides to every issue. In America am able to follow all the scientific everything political leans so heavily towards Israel that coming here was like discovering another Arabic numbers, therefore I can world and apprehending a new reality." Shana, at eighteen, has frank

blue eyes which sparkle as she smi-But I am also taking Arabic, les. irradiating warmth. And the Arts. Sports, and English. 1 am peace she conveys is one she was learning a great deal from the Eng- worked hard to earn, with all the lish class, because I have never perservance, courage, insight and

The motto of AFS is:

Walk together, talk together, O ye people of the earth, Then and only then Shall ye have peace.

Born out of post-war euphoria, that way and I can handle things today it sounds simplistic and naive. Our students cannot ensure world peace. But they are so many germs sown, not to he blown by the wind, so many contacts estor what I imagine them to say, ablished so that more voices shall This must have come from the he raised both in protest and in

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## SPORTS

Liverpool takes possession of League trophy

## Brighton, Swansea take the big drop

LONDON (R) - Brighton, the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup finalists, and Swansea plummeted into the second division Saturday... and any one of six clubs could take the hig drop with

Once-mighty Manchester City, winners of the League Championship in 1968, F.A. Cup in 1969. League Cup in 1970 and 1976, and European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1970, are one of the clubs in danger.

But a 1-0 win at Brighton. which doomed the Cup finalists. means they can stay up by beating Luton next Saturday.

With one game remaining, Brighton have 40 points, one fewer than Swansea who went down 2-1 at Manchester United, with third from the bottom Luton, who have a game in hand, on the 46-point mark\_

Coventry, Sunderland and Birmingham all gained unexpected victories Saturday and next week's Manchester City-Luton clash could be crucial. Luton, who have won a lot of friends but few points with their attacking style, were thrashed 5-1 at home by Everton and have seven days in which to pick themselves up.

At the other end of the table, Liverpool took possession of the League Championship trophy at the start of their home game against Aston Villa--Bob Paisley's

Liverpool, who had lost their four previous League games, again looked as if they were playing with their eyes closed and their hands in their pockets and duly fell behind to a 12th minute gary shaw penalty.

Nothing, however, could spoil Paisley's farewell to Antield and the famous fans on the "Kop" terraces roared their encouragement.

Liverpool, who have had the title wrapped up for months, finally awoke from their slumbers and an 82nd minute Craig Johnston equaliser saved the day.

In the top-of-the-table division two clash, Queen's Park Rangers beat Wolverhampton 2-1 but both clubs are already assured of pro-

The third place will not be decided until next week. Leicester have only to beat lowly Burnley at home to be certain of going up hut Fulham are poised to swoop should their rivals slip.

Manchester City's hero was striker Kevin Reeves, who cost one million sterling (\$1.5 million) from Norwich three seasons ago.

Reeves repaid a massive chunk last match at Anfield before ret- of that fee when he rose at the near post 16 minutes from the end to flash a magnificent header high into the Brighton net.

> Ecstatic City fans carried Reeves shoulder-high from the pitch. while the despondent Brighton players made their weary way to the dressing room.

Swansea, who finished sixtb last season, always looked like a second division outfit once they fell behind to a 19th minute Bryan Rohson goal against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Irish international striker Frank Stapleton scored a second 15 minutes from the end and Bob Latchford's 89th minute consolation goal was a case of far too little, far too late for the Weishmen.

Watford's hopes of finishing second to Liverpool in their firstever season in Division One nosedived at Ipswich where they went down 3-1, leaving Manchester United as firm favourites for the runners-up spot.

The Scottish Premier League race will not be decided until next Saturday-the last day of the sea-

Unfashionable Dundee United are still favourites to lift the flag for the first time in history hut Aberdeen, who meet Real Madrid in the European Cup-Winners' Cup final in Gothenburg on Wednesday, and Celtic are lying handy should they slip up.

United, who meet neighbours Dundee next week, thrasbed Motherwell 4-0 with two goals apiece from Davie Dodds and Eamonn Bannon to remain one point ahead of their rivals. Celtic, second on goal difference, beat Morton 2-0 at bome, Roy Aitken and Charlie Nicbolas

inevitably, scoring the goals. Aberdeen, who are also in the Scottish Cup final, kept up their challenge in midweek when they crusbed relegated Kilmarnock

Their Scottish Cup final opponents, Glasgow Rangers, warmed up with a 2-1 win against Hibernian in Edinburgh.

International winger Davie Cooper gave rangers a 2-0 interval lead hut Ralph Callachan reduced the deficit after the break.

## McEnroe clashes with Smid in close-range duel

NEW YORK (R) — Second-seeded John McEnroe advanced to the semi-finals of the \$300,000 tennis Tournament of Champions when he beat Tomas Smid of Czecboslovakia, 6-3, 7-5 Friday in a tumultuous match in which both players aimed shots at one another at close range.

After McEnroe bad missed Smid with a wicked hackhand at close quarters in the sixth game of the first set, the Czechoslovak retaliated with a sizzling backhand that struck McEnroe in the side from about 15 feet (three metres) away in the first game of the sec-

At the ensuing changeover, McEnroe drew a warning from umpire Frank Hammond when, according to Smid, be called the Czecboslovak a "f---- communist bastard."

Tournament referee Zeno Pfau said later that McEnroe was fined \$1,000 for "abuse of a player."

The changeover exchange was one of several between the two players during the match at the West Side Tennis Club in which both argued repeatedly over line

Third-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina and ninth seed Johan

Kriek of the United States also reached the semi-finals. Vilas, playing at Forest Hills for

the first time since he won the last U.S. Open played on clay in 1977, beat Paul McNamee of Australia, 6-2, 6-2, and Kriek eliminated 19-year-old Henri Leconte of France, 7-5, 3-6, 6-0.
Fifth-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis

also gained the semi-finals when he beat little-known fellow American Brad Gilbert 7-5, 7-6.

Gerulaitis fought off a set point in the first set and was thoroughly extended in beating 21-year-old Gilbert, ranked 74th in the world. and who earlier scored upset wins over 15th seeded Balazs Taroczy of Hungary and fourth seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa.

The volatile Kriek was fined \$100 for swatting a ball in anger-after a point had been decided-that almost hit Leconte and caused the young Frenchman to fall.

But that incident paled in comparison to the tactics that McEnroe and the 26-year-old Smid engaged in before a crowd of about 10,000

Those tactics, along with the frequent arguing over line calls, overshadowed a hrilliant performance by McEnroe, who never lost his service and allowed Smid to reach deuce only once in the

Smid, visibly upset after the match, conceded he bad deliberately tried to hit McEnroe because of his interminable bickering with linesmen and the ump-

always complaining," Smid said.

not tried to hit the Czechoslovak, but admitted he had aimed a shot close to him deliberately.

he was being a hypocrite out there," the three-time U.S. Open champion said.

did I didn't think he had the guts to go for me, and I've got to give him credit for going for me." Smid said he was determined at

erate any pr McEnroe.

when we played before, hut I told myself I wasn't going to let him get away with it today." Smid added. The bad blood surfaced several

days after Smid's countryman, Ivan Lendl, said he would no longer be passive in the face of McEnroe's outbursts. Upset over McEnroe's conduct when he beat him in the WCT final last Sunday, Lendl told reporters on Tuesday that he might deliberately hit halls

But Smid, who has never beaten

McEnroe in seven meetings, said the feud between Lendl and McEnroe had no bearing on his actions Friday.

McEuroe refused to apologise for the epithet be directed at Smid. Asked if be regreted saying it, he said: "Absolutely not."

But he said be deserved to be fined for his remark. "I was out of line to say it, but it came in the heat of battle," he said. "In retrospect, I deserve to be fined for saying it."

Despite a pulled thigh muscle, McEnroe gave a virtuoso per-formance on the clay court, a surface on which be bas never done particularly well.

He hammered in seven aces and nine service winners, as against four and eight for Smid, and sco-red with 23 outright winners, compared with only four hy the Czechoslovak.

McEnroe argued repeatedly with umpire Hammond during the first three games. In each instance, Smid left the court to sit down in his chair at courtside. A service break in the second

game made the difference in the opening set.

McEnroe, booed by the gallery, began to vent his wrath at coushouting often at several fans

The set went on service through the first 10 games. But in the 11th McEnroe broke through on two backhand winners, a forehand placement and a Smid error. H. then beld at 15 to close out the match.

Leconte squandered too man opportunities against Kriek and was never as aggressive as he had been in upsetting the top-seeder Lendi Thursday.

At 5-5 in the first set, the Fre nchman wasted seven gamepoint as Kriek hroke service and then served out for the set. Leconte squared the match on two service breaks in the second set. But in the third set Kriek capitalised on Leconte's errant backhand and service troubles to win six straight games.

Vilas, at his best on clay, was too steady for McNamee who was passed often as he went to the net and could not sustain any consistency with his groundstrokes.

The Tournament of Champions brings together 42 players who have won at least one tournament worth at least \$25,000 in the last

to the sidelines after losing their

opening games, but both stormed back to take their places in the

at the last World Championships,

outlasted Chen Changjie of China

The women's quarter-finals

12-15, 15-5, 15-5.

## China stays on course for seven-title triumph

TOKYO (R) — China stepped up their relentless pursuit of all seven titles at the World Table Tennis Championships as their 14 competitors triumphed in second and third round singles matches here Saturday.

The Chinese were shaken when their world number two Cai Zhenhua almost suffered a shock defeat hy unseeded American Danny Scemiller, but he survived to keep his country on course for a repeat of their 1981 seven-title sweep.

Cai was among China's six men who reached the fourth round, while the eight Chinese women hreczed through their third round matches.

China were startled when Seemiller took the second and fourth games in a second round match" against Cai, who was beaten hy compatriot Guo Yuehua in the final two years ago.

ning to Cai tfor heavy stamping World Champion gave the players a 15-minute hre- ple's Liberation Army (PLA). ather. Cai turned on the pressure and Seemiller shouted "I threw it" defensive player who wears down

13-21, 21-13, 19-21, 21-16. Cai also had his problems bef-

ore beating aggressive South Kor-

Kim almost caught up with Cai

he capitalised on Kim's mistakes to take the next two games 21-16. 21-10.

"These were two of the hardest matches we have had to fight," Chinese official said later, while admitting he was well pleased with the results.

The Chinese women's sweep But following an umpire's war- into the fourth round was led hy and a subsequent argument that 22-year-old member of the Peo-

just before going down 21-17, her opponents, beat Pia Eliasson

of Sweden 21-10, 21-13, 22-20 in idarity. the second round and eliminated

ean Kim Wan in the third round. The left-handed Cai seemed almost helpless in the face of the hull-like smashing of Kim and lost the long first two games both

at 19-20 in the third, but briefly strolled around the court, took a few deep hreaths, then smashed the ball wide to let Cai off the

This gave the Chinese heart and

Tong, a graceful hut essentially

Hungary's Edit Urban 21-11, 21-4, 15-21, 21-19 in the third. Sweden, considered second in strength in the men's division to China, lost one of their star pla-

yers when European Champion Michael Appelgren crashed 21-7, 21-8, 21-17 to Japan's Kenichi Sakamoto in the second round. Sakamoto, who had to qualify,

admitted he was lucky and remarked: "It was the first match of the day and maybe his body was still sleeping. But three Swedes went through to the last 16, including emerging

Hong Kong's tricky Chiu Man Kuen 3-1 in the third round. The other victorious Swedes were Ulf Carlsson, who beat England's seventh-seeded Desmond Douglas 3-2 in a third round encounter, and 17-year-old Erik Korea's Chu Jong Chol 3-1.

star Jan-Ove Waldner, who beat

ITTF selects New Delhi

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Saturday selected New Delhi as the venue for the 1987 World Championships. ITTF President Roy Evans said.

Evans said New Delhi and Seoul had been the only two applicants to host the tournament. He said Seoul had withdrawn its application in the interests of sol-

A senior Chinese sports official said here earlier that Peking was against Seoul but was in favour of

It was already been decided that the 1985 championships should be held in Gothenberg, Sweden.

Evans said that Britain, West Germany, the United States and Japan had shown an interest in hosting the 1989 championships.

### Taiwan admitted

Evans also said that Taiwan was admitted into ITTF Saturday under the title of the Chinese (Taipei) Table Tennis Ass-

Evans told a news conference here that the Taiwanese would have membership "in good standing" which did not amount to full membership on voting matters hut meant they could take part in ITTF tournaments including the next championships in Swe-

He said the vote for Taipei was unanimous hy the delegates of 90 ITTF member associations at a meeting in Tokyo.

Evans said the membership was "strongly supported" by China.
Peking had previous objections to
the title referring to Taiwan or Republic of China, hut accepted the new formula which had been worked out in accordance with the International Olympic Committee

Evans said after the formal ceremony the delegates from China and Taiwan sbook hands before

He said there was no way at the moment of assessing the ability of the Taiwanese table tennis players, "but I understand they are very good and would be first category material."

Evans said that the Taipei association would become full members of the ITTF in two years time.

### Rules changed

The ITTF also announced important changes in the rules of the game including introduction of a wo-colour hat. Evans said that from Jan. 1

1984, hats used in international tournaments will require different colours on each side. This is to help neutralise the switching from one side of the to the other and using different

ruhber surfaces to produce spin that haffles the receiver. The 1TTF also ruled that deliberate heavy stamping hy a player when serving will be iliegal and penalty points will be given if a player persists after being warned.

This comes into effect from July 1. Players in future will also be banned from serving with their back towards an opponent or from below the surface of the table, two seemingly impossible tactics which some players still manage to at McEnroe in the future.

### COPENHAGEN (R) - The 1982 and 1983 All-England Champions, Morten Frost of Denmark and Luan Jin of China, "He's a great player, but he's

'1 didn't do nothing, but he tried to hit me. And if he tried to hit me, why shouldn't I try to hit, McEnroe said later that he had

"I tried to hit it at him because

"I was wrong for what I did, and he was wrong for doing what he ding seeds, Han Jian of China and

the outset of the match not to tol-"He wasn't any different than

### Han, seeded second, defeated European Champion Jens Peter Badminton Championships here Nierhoff 12-15, 15-4, 15-4, while Friday night. iem, three times an All-England Champion and the beaten finalist

Badminton's number 1 defeated

semifinals.

were the victims of two stunning quarter-final nosets at the World Frost, the 25-year-old world number one who lost his All-England title to Luan in the final

six weeks ago, was crushed 15-5, 15-3 by Icnk Sugiarto of Indonesia. Then the muscular Luan was ousted almost as mercilessly by Prakash Padukone of India 15-3.

15-9. Frost was the top seed here and Luan was joint number three. while their opponents were both joint number fives.

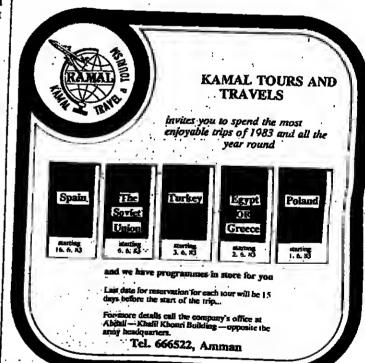
The other two of the four lea-

Liem Swie King of Indonesia, thr-

tened to follow Frost and Luan

were more predictable, the leading three Chinese seeds and Helen Troke of England reaching the semifinals. Top seed Zhang Ailing beat

Sally Podger of England 11-2, 11-4. Li Lingwei defeated Jane Webster, also of England, 11-6, 11-6, hut Han Aiping had to work far harder to subdue unseeded Yun Ja Kim of South Korea



### GOVERNMENT TENDERING DIRECTORATE ANNOUNCEMENT SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT MOE - PROJECT No. 4

The central Tendering Committee announces tender of the following school building:-

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- Last date for obtaining tender documents: Thursday 9.6.1983.

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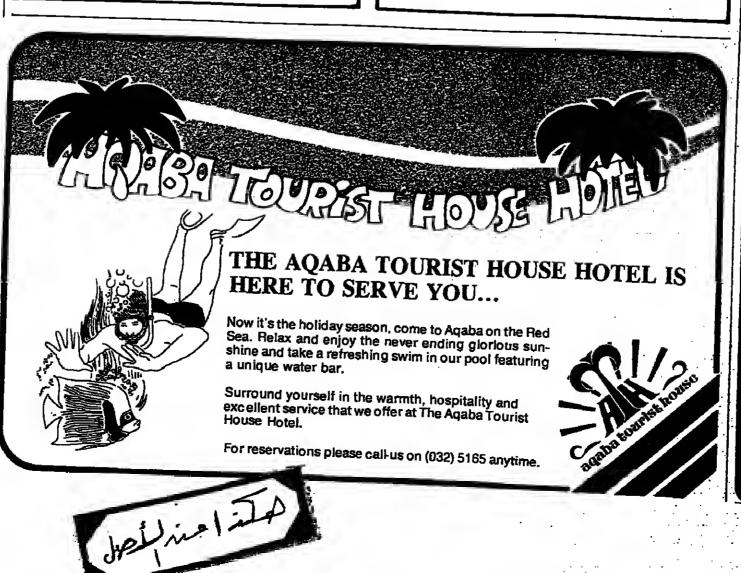
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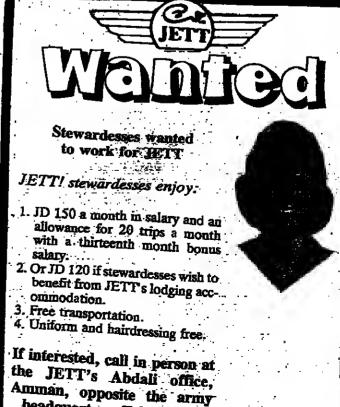
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## Banks allow Lagos extra time

LONDON (R) — A group of Nigeria's main creditor banks has agreed, reluctantly in some cases, to allow the country extra time to repay \$2 hillion of its trading debts, Barclays Bank International said

OPEC-member Nigeria, huffeted by the world oil glut, appears ready to turn to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for backing of an economic recovery programme and a restoration of international hanking confidence.

Negotiations are expected to start in earnest early next week, when an IMF team is due to make its second visit to Lagos in four weeks. Four creditor banks proposed last week that payment of \$2 billion in trade debts be extended over an 18-month period with a sixmonth grace period at the outset during which interest only will be

Most of Nigeria's creditor banks, numbering over 20, had now responded postively to the proposal, banking sources said, though subject to some revisions upon which the sources did not elaborate.

Nigeria is the third largest debtor in Africa, with a total debt of around \$13 billion at the end of 1982.

## Club of Rome meets in Kuwait

KUWAIT (OPECNA) - The Club of Rome meets here Sunday to discuss "cooperation for development", a spokesman of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development said.

The meeting, to be inaugurated by Mr. Abdul Latif Yousef Al Hamad. Kuwait's minister of finance, will look into South-South relations, the problem of food in Third World countries, the future of concessional aid flows and Arab-European cooperation.

The Club of Rome was set up in 1968 in Rome by 30 scientists, educators, economists, industrialists and international civil servants. It has an optimum membership of 100.

## OAPEC seeks closer ties with Latin American states

QUITO (OPECNA) — The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exp-; orting Countries (OAPEC) is seeking closer ties with Latin American oil exporters in the regional energy group OLADE.

Though most of the countries in the two producer groups are also members of OPEC, OLADE includes an important non-OPEC exporter in Mexico and OAPEC includes non-OPEC countries Oman, Bahrain and Tunisia.

OAPEC Secretary General Ali Attiga is currently here leading an Arab delegation at the invitation of the Ecuadorian government and OLADE, which has its headquarters here.

Mr. Attiga said he was optimistic crude oil producers and exporters could strengthen their ties in order to overcome the world economic crisis and the "critical situation" of prices on the international oil market.

"I believe that everybody has learned from this situation." said Mr. Attiga.

Contacts between OAPEC and OLADE have hitherto been sporadic, though the aims of the two organisations, Mr. Attiga described as "sisters", are similar.

"We hope that the discussions held here will permit us to find common ground for cooperation in oil and energy," said the OAPEC secretary general.

It is envisaged the two organisations could work together on economic studies, energy planning — particularly hydrocarbons — and research on new sources of energy.

## Spain proposing gas link with -Algeria and Nigeria

LONDON (OPECNA) — A proposal for a natural gas pipeline linking Algeria and Nigeria with Europe is to be put before a meeting of the International Eoergy Agency in Paris this weekend, according to the Financial Times.

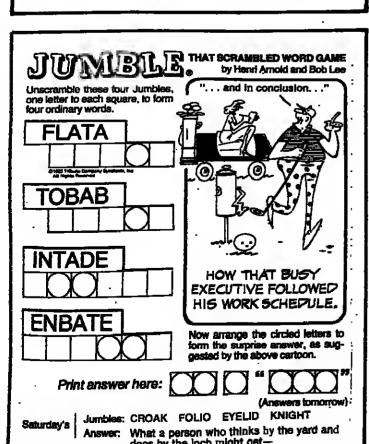
The paper reports that the idea will be launched by Spain, through whose territory the pipeline would pass, after crossing the Straits of

The gas link would provide a possible alternative to the controversial Soviet-West European gas pipeline, notes the paper. However, it states that only by gaining access to Nigeria's enormous reserves could the project be a full-fledged rival to the Sib-

Nigeria has proven natural gas reserves of 1,147 billion cu.m.



He stuck his finger in a light socket. Ironically, it hoppened while he was lecturing me about male superiority."



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## Unemployment in U.K., U.S. falls

LONDON (R) - Unemployment in Britain fell slightly last mooth for the third month in a row, the government reported Friday. The department of employment said the number of jobless in April

fell 2,511 to 3,169,879 - representing 13.3 per cent of the nation's workforce. The drop is a fillip for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as she

contemplates calling a general election next month. Opposition critics are convinced the jobless figures will rise again in the second half of this year and that Mrs. Thatcher wants to run for

a second term before the situation worsens. . Experts attributed the drop mainly to seasonal factors, saying

there were more jobs in the construction and tourist industries as summer approached.

In Washington, the U.S. unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point in April to 10.2 per cent, leaving more than 11.3 million workers still without jobs, the Labour Department reported The modest improvement in the labour market last month sup-

ported the general view that the unemployment rate, which peaked at 10.8 per cent at the end of 1982, is receding slowly as the economic recovery from recession proceeds.

Details of the department's report revealed some healthy developments for the U.S. labour force.

Civilian employment rose by 355,000 last month to 99.46 million.

following several months when the figure remained unchanged. The number of manufacturing jobs increased to 18.36 million in April from 18.28 million in March, and factory employees worked

longer hours. Most economists believe the labour market will improve only very gradually, because they say businesses will probably try to increase productivity as much as possible by having existing staff work a longer week rather than take on new employees.

The department's report showed the everage week for factory

workers lengthened to 40.1 hours in April from 39.6 in March. The number of workers on oon-farm payrolls rose by 258,000 to 89.2 million in April, which represents an increase of 650,000 since last December.

Despite these moderate improvements, the oumber of Americans without jobs is still well above the 7.6 million figure recorded in 1980, the year President Reagan entered the White House. But the U.S. economy has dispalyed enough vigour recently to convince most economists that a recovery is in progress.

## Indonesia cuts major projects

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia said Seturday it was postponing four major industrial projects costing about \$5 hillion to ease pressure on its growing balance of paymeots deficit.

Coordinating minister for finance and industry Mr. Ali Wardhana told reporters that the country would save about \$4 billion in foreign exchange by "re-phasing" the four projects in the oil and pet-rochemical industries which need a large amount of imported com-

The cut back follows a sharp decline in Indonesia's oil revenues after a S5 a barrel cut in the official Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil price earlier this year.

In a hid to stem a flight of capital abroad and narrow the trade gap. Indonesia, Asia's only OPEC member, also devalued its currency by 27.5 per cent on March 30.

Mr. Wardhana said that in the fiscal year 1983/84 the government would spend only \$1 billion instead ni \$5 nilling on the four projects - an oil refinery, and plants to produce aromatics, alumina and

## **Brazil's inflation** soars to 117%

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Brazil's annual inflaonn rate soared to 117.4 per cent in April from 109.7 per cent in March, the highest level for almost two years, according to official figures released

Inflation peaked at 121.2 per cent in March 1981, fell gradually to 95.1 per cent last October, then climbed again.

A 23 per ceot devaluation of the cruzeiro in February raised prices of imported goods and contributed to a record 10.2 per cent inflation in March. April inflation was 9.2 per cent compared with 5.4 per cent in April 1982.

The government has set a target of 85-90 per cent for inflation in 1983, part of its economic programme worked nut with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in exchange for \$5.4 hillinn of loans over three years.

## Dutch unions take to time off

AMSTERDAM — The Dutch cost of living index system, granting workers automatic wage rises to compensate for inflation, was once held to be the 11th commandment in the Calvinist system of Dutch morality.

Last year, the higgest trade union federation in the Netherlands declared itself totally, opposed to any attempt to decanonise the system.

Yet today its sanctity has gone -- and the unions have accepted in its stead the right to shorter working hours, a trend which could spread all over Europe.

Short-time working, viewed until recently merely as a barometer of economic recession, is now increasingly seen as a means of making that recession tolerable to the greatest number. And as the concept of the age of leisure gains currency in the trade

union movement, the idea of spreading less work around more people seems poised to assume a permanent place in industrial pra-The drive towards shorter working hours and lower wage rises in

the Netherlands has been pushed forward by two factors - the necessity for public spending cuts to improve the state of the economy. and the alarming increase in unemployment.

The government, a centre-right coalition of Christian Democrats and Liberals which took office only last November, has platform of rigid economic austerity, with wage moderation as a main plank.

Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers, had warned that the extent of public spending cuts to be imposed would in part depend on pay settlements.

If moderation was not achieved, even more would be pruned from state budgets than the planned FL 13 hillion (\$4.7 hillion) later inc-: reased to FL 15 hillion.

The Dutch economy is in tro-, however. uhle principally because of falling prices for the country's most valas the level of world trade, on which the Netherlands depends more than most countries, con-. tinues to stagnate.

There have been some tentative signs that an improvement may be seen soon, but the effects of the of the young. recession are likely to be felt for a considerable time to come.

In addition, unemployment in the Netherlands is increasing at a faster rate than anywhere else in the European community.

In March, 769,200 people were out of work - 16.5 per cent of the warkforce.

By the end of the year, the total

could be more than 900,000. So far, almost half the sectorally-organised Dutch workforce has accepted reduced hours in return for non-payment of indexed pay rises.

Talks are still in progress concerning another 300,000 workers, while 384,000 have insisted on being paid their indexed rise. The latter group includes

260,000 building workers, who traditionally drive a hard hargain. Talks are expected to resume over increases due later in the year, the aerospace concern. Most of the major companies

uable export, natural gas, but reductions in hours have accepted company profits are sharply down. reductions in hours have accepted a working week of 36 hours on a a working week of 36 hours on a graduated hasis. The metal workers and the print workers have taken this popular route. In most cases, there are pro-

training and eventual employment.

It is also intended that as sooo as companies are in a position to do so, they should take on more workers to fill the 5 per cent vacuum established by the reduced working week.

Unions expect that full-scale re-employment may have to await sings of an economic upturn, how-

Other schemes include that of the bank workers, who have accepted a rise of only 0.5 per cent and an extra nine days holiday this year and next.

In addition, 2,500 young people will be taken oo part-time by the banks to learn basic skills. They are to be offered full-time employment when they reach the age

One scheme which was rejected by both unions and government was that put forward by Fokker, Fokker has been hard hit by the

fall in demand for commercial aircraft and late last year a that it was obliged to lay off some 1,400 workers. The management put forward a

plan under which young workers would have been employed half time on half pay, with the govvisions for early retirment and the ernment making up the missing

However, the unions felt this was too extreme and the government objected to the cost, so 1,150 men are due to join the dole queues later this year.

-- Financial Times news feature

## **Peanuts**



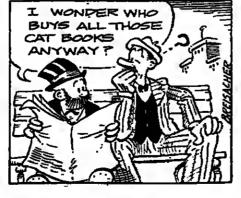






## Mutt 'n' Jeff







## **Andy Capp**









FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1983

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: An interesting day when you can develop beneficial ideas and make plans to have more abundance in the months ahead. Be alert to new opportunities coming your way.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make better plans for the future and talk them over with friends. Allow time to attend the services of your choice. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have a good idea nn

how to have more income in the future, but make sure it is a practical plan. Express happiness. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Listen carefully to the ideas and suggestinns of friends. Daytime is best for

social get-togethers. Relax et hnme tonight. MOON CHILDREN June 22 to July 211 A good day to

use your intuition, which is accurate now. Do some meditating end make the future brighter.

LEO July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day to visit places and obtain the data you need in a new husiness venture. Show

others that you have wisdom. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take the time to plan your career activities more wisely so you can get good results later. Use diplnmacy with family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle any civic matter that arises in a clever way. Have conversations with clever persons who can give you good advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good day to show gratitude to one who has done you favors in the past. Show others that you are a clever person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Engage in new activities that will improve your health and appearance. A new nutlet can increase your income.

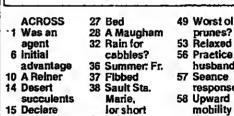
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Situations at home require your immdiate attention. Make long-renge olans that could give more security in the future. AQUARIUS Jan. 21 to Feb. 191 Attend the services of

your choices and gain increased happiness. A close tie can give the assistence you need at this time. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mer. 20) Make plans for the future that will increase your income. Consult a husiness expert

for proper advice in a husiness deal. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will be endowed with engineering quelities and the education should be directed in that field. Much success is possible here upon reaching maturity. Religious and ethical train-

ing early in life is a must. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

## THE Daily Crossword By James R. Bums



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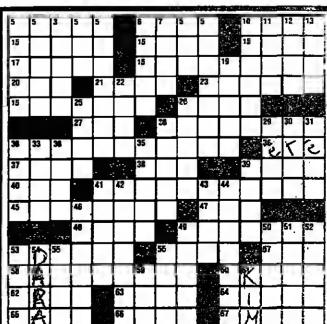
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## U.N. to hear Nicaraguan case

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The Security Council decided Friday night to meet on Monday to hear renewed Nicaraguan charges of aggression by U.S.-backed guerrillas based in Honduras.

It will be the second time in less than two months that the Council has been summoned into urgent session to deal with the Central

But unlike the previous debate, largely confined to a show of verbal support by Managua's Third World and communist friends. Nicaragua is expected to press this time for the introduction and adoption of a resolution.

As one of the Council's five permanent members, the United States could use its veto to kill any unacceptable draft that mustered the nine votes needed for adoption.

Nicaragua asked for the dehate after President Reagan referred to guerrillas opposed to the left-wing government there as "freedom fighters" and criticised moves in Congress to deprive them of U.S.

In its request on Thursday Nicaragua said it hoped the 15-nation

peace-keeping body would be able to" devise specific ways of helping to resolve a situation" which, if allowed to continue, would endanger international peace and security.

Nicaragua alleged earlier this week that some 1,200 U.S.-trained 'somocista mercenaries" -- supporters of the late dictator Anastasio Somoza - launched a new invasion of its territory from neighbouring Honduras, aided by Honduran troops. The foreign minister of Nicaragua, Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, is expected to open Monday's debate.

American U.N. representative Jeane Kirkpatrick, regarded as one of the architects of U.S. Latin American policy, was returning to New York over the weekend from a four-day speaking trip. It was not known whether she would also address the session.

### U.S. covert operations on till at least Sept.30

WASHINGTON (R) - The Senate intelligence committee voted Friday to allow U.S. covert operations in Nicaragua to continue at least until Sept. 30.

Arizona Republican Barry Goldwater, the committee chairman, said the Republican-dominated panel would also direct President Reagan to give Congress a clearer description of his purposes in Central America in order to win approval of any covert operation there after that date.

The Democratic-controlled House of Representatives intelligence committee approved a hill on Tuesday that would balt U.S. covern operations in Nicaragua.

If the full Senate and House accept the contrasting bills offered by the two committees, a conference would then have to work out a compromise for final approval by Congress.

## **Extradition of Chilean** general's killer requested.

WASHINGTON (R) - Argentina has formally asked the U.S. government to extradite American Michael Townley, sentenced in 1979 for the killing of former Chilean Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier, diplomatic sources said.

Argentine judge Oscar Mario Salvi had earlier requested Townley's extradition, alleging he was responsible for the assassination of Chilean army General Carlos Prats and his wife in Buenos Aires in 1974.

Papers formally requesting the extradition were lodged with the State Department Friday, the diplomatic sources said. The department declined to comment on

Townley was jailed for 40 months to 10 years in 1979 for killing Mr. Letelier and his American research aide. Ronnie Moffitt. Both died when their car was blown up in Washington in September 1976.

U.S. government sources said Townley finished serving the sentence this week but remained in protective custody at an undisclosed location.

The sources said he was also being held on a pending, lesser Mr. Allende in a 1973 coup.

MADRID (R) - Spain's ruling

Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE)

is expected to score a decisive vic-

tory in municipal elections Sun-

their final campaign rallies Friday

night and Prime Minister Felipe

Gonzalez made his first and last

public contribution to the socialists' campaign when he app-

BY CHARLES GOREN

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Q. - I have a problem when I

have ten cards in two suits

divided 6-4. Should I rebid

my six-card suit before show-

ing my four-card suit, or

should I always treat my

hand as a two-suiter? Your

advice would be appreciated.

This question has been

awarded the weekly prize.)

A.-It depends on a number

of factors. Is your six-card

suit a major or a minor? At

what level can you introduce

your suits? What is the qual-

ity of your suits? How strong

Here are some general

principles that might help

you resolve your problem. If

your six-card suit is a minor

and your four-card suit a

major, always abow the

major if you can do so at the

one-level. However, if you

have to go to the two-level to

introduce your major and

your hand is not strong

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If the six-card suit is a

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is a minor, the strength of

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generally a sound policy to

rebid your six-card major. If .

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be advisable to show your -

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However, if you have a

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-J. Peres, Miami, Fla.

Major political parties held

Spanish socialists set to

win municipal elections

GOREN BRIDGE

bably be arraigned in Washington

next week, but did not elaborate. The next step in extradition proceedings would be for the State Department to pass the request to the Justice Department.

Townley would then be taken before a U.S. judge. who would decide whether he should be extradited. This could happen next week when he is arraigned on the lesser charge.

Townley is in protective custody under an agreement with the U.S. government in return for his testimony in the Letelier case.

The Argentine judge has alleged that a condition was set at Townley's trial not to question him about the Prats case in return for his guilty plea in the Letelier murder.

Gen. Prats and his wife, Sofia Cuthbert, were killed when their car blew up on Sept. 30, 1974, in Buenos Aires, where they lived in

Gen. Prais had been appointed Chilean army commander by the late President Salvador Allende and left for Argentina shortly after Gen. Augusto Pinochet deposed

Recent opinion polls have for-

ecast that the socialists will equal

the 46 per cent vote they won in

last October's general elections

while the right-wing Popular All-

you don't buy the band. In

other words, treat the hand

as if it were 5-4 instead of 6-4.

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one spade. With hand a) I

would rebid two diamonds,

treating my hearts as if they

were only five cards. With

hand b), however, I would

rebid two bearts to stress the

length and quality of my

Let's make another slight

♦Ax ♥AJ9xxx ♦AQxx +x

six bearts and four diamonds.

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their weight in gold, while

hlack-suit honors can be dis-

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For example:

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eared on television.

## 23 films compete at Cannes film festival

CANNES. France (R) - Driver" Twenty-three films compete for the coveted Golden Palm award at tival Saturday.

has seen over 300 movies to pick the 23 in the final contest. They include pictures by American, Australian, French, Italian and Spanisb directors.

"Many of the films I saw gave an impression of tremendous disillusion with the world and in certain cases even a doubt as to the future of man," said Mr. Jacob.

the more serious themes the festival would show the latest film by the British Monty Python comedy team, "The Meaning of Life," in the competition.

palais on the Croisette for the new palais near the old pon amid a certain amount of confusion.

It was not clear Friday if all would be ready when the curtain goes up Saturday on "the king of comedy." directed by American Martin Scorsese, who won the Golden Palm in 1976 for "Taxi

Four French films are competing, including "L'argent' by the Cannes international film fes- Robert Bresson, a moral tale about corruption shot through Festival director Gilles Jacob with half-concealed violence.

Australia is represented by two film-makers, Bruce Beresford with "Tender Mercies" and "The Year of Living Dangerously" by Peter Weir, both made and financed outside Australia.

Italy has "Camina, Camina" by Ermanno Olmi, who won the Golden Palm with "Tree of Clogs". The latest film by Fed-He said that to balance some of erico Fellini has been hit by laboratory strikes in Italy, but Marco Ferreri will be competing with "Storia de Piera," the strange tale of an Italian family.

Mr. Jacob said he was sure that The 36th Cannes festival has "Carmen" by Spaniard Carlos left the traditional venue at the Saura would be a success and would reveal a great new actress, Laura Delsol.

The jury, presided over by American writer William Styron, includes Soviet director Sergei Bondarchuk, French cameraman Henri Alekan. Egyptian director Youssef Shahin and British director Karel Reisz.

## Police stop Walesa en route to Warsaw

WARSAW (R) - Lecb Walesa. leader of Poland's banned Solidarity union, was prevented from Geremek, a senior Solidarity advdriving to Warsaw from his home in Gdansk Friday, his secretary said Saturday.

iance (AP) opposition party could Bozena Rybicka, contacted by slip from 25.3 per cent to 20. telephone, said Mr. Walesa tried This would leave the socialists to travel to the capital with a group in command of most of the 13 regof friends to meet some people ional parliaments to be elected. here but was stopped by the authorities and returned home at 4

At the same time unconfirmed reports in Warsaw said Bronislaw iser since the union's inception in 1980, was detained at his Warsaw home Friday night.

Reliable reports in Warsaw also said Tadeusz Mazowiecki, 56. founding editor of the banned mion's newspaper Tygodnik Solidarnose and a leading figure in Solidarity's leadership, was picked up by police Friday night.

## Nominee for environment protection agency approved

day unanimously approved William Ruckelshaus to be administrator of the troubled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and sent the nomination to the full Senate.

said he hoped the full Senate would confirm Mr. Ruckelshaus early next week.

aviour in the agency's toxic waste clean-up programme.

## Hijacking case prompts first-ever direct talks between Seoul, Peking

SEOUL (R) - South Korea and China Saturday completed the first round of direct talks they have ever held, discussing the hijacking of a Chinese airliner to South Korea.

The senior Chinese delegate, Shen Tu, director-general of the civil aviation administration of China, shook hands with Assistant Foreign Minister Gong Ro-Myung as the two nine-member delegations began negotiations at a Seoul botel.

South Korean government officials said they agreed on an age-nda for the talks on Thursday's

hijacking of the plane which was carrying 105 people.

The first item to be considered was the return of the 96 passengers and crew and the freight, the officials said. Later the two teams will discuss the return of the plane and the fate of the hijackers. five men and a woman.

Mr. Shen made it clear at a press conference when he arrived Saturday that China wanted the hijackers returned along with the passengers, crew and plane.

He described the hijackers who fired eight pistol sbots to overcome the crew in a bid to seek asylum in Taiwan - as "armed

The meeting adjourned after agreement on the agenda and the Chinese delegation left for a military hospital to see the navigator and radio operator of the Trident airliner who were wounded in the legs during the mid-air struggle.

The officials said the delegation would then visit the passengers and other crew.

South Korea has said the hijackers will be dealt with according to international laws on air piracy despite pleas from Taiwan that their asylum request be granted.

Seoul can comply with interoational regulations by resurning them to Peking or by put-ting them on trial here.

## All quiet on the Sino-Vietnamese border

under cover of Vietnamese long-

range 130mm Soviet-built guns,

placed on small hills around the

paddies. But all the artillery pieces

in sight have their wer weather

Children tend grazing buffalo

near this deserted post, which bas

covers on and their barrels shr-

DONG DANG BORDER POST. Vietnam (R) - A border conflict between China and Vietnam may not be as serious as a recent barrage of communiques from both governments indicate, according to Western diplomats in Vietnam.

All is now peaceful at this empty frontier town in Lang Son Province, 180 kilometres north-east ouded. of Hanoi, that was smashed by a Chinese incursion in 1979.

"Both sides are making as much political mileage as possible out of the current tension and it appears that more words than shells have been exchanged," one diplomat. told Reuters in Hanoi.

Two envoys who had a picnic here on April 16 were surprised to return to Hanot and read a government statement saying that thousands of Chinese shells had landed on the province, including Dong Dang, to touch off the most recent series of clashes. The border post was and still is quiet.

been a ghost town since the Cbinese army rolled through it four years ago. Vietnamese troops, many of

them young conscripts, relax around their observation posts, taking turns to gaze through binoculars at Chinese radar positions atop mist-covered bills two kil-They say the area is dangerous,

but it does not appear to be and the soldier do not act as if they really believe it is dangerous. However, a military spo-

Vietnamese peasants are pla-nting rice in paddy fields that that since April 16 Chinese art-stretch up to China. They do it illery had shelled four of Viemam's six border provinces. killing 57 civilians and wounding 20.

> Western and Asian diplomats in Hanol say they do not believe a Chinese invasion is imminent. pointing out that the Chinese side of the border is still manned by militia and local army divisions for a depth of 50 kilometres.

They say the regular Chinese divisions that would make up an invasion force remain behind the 50 kilometres zone and have not been called up.

The Vietoamese have strengthened their defences to create "a line of no penetration", as Col. Tuc calls it, some kilometres from the frontier. There 11 regular army divisions are on standby, compared with the four divisions that were stationed in the area in

### purges armed forces Iran allegedly

PARIS (R) - The Iranian authorities have started a purge of the armed forces, a group of dissident Iranian pilots and officers have said in Paris.

The four men told a news conference organised Friday by the left-wing People's Mujahedin guerrilla group that the Islamic leaders had launched the campaign because they blame growing opposition among air force, navy d army officers for the failure of the latest Iranian offensive against

The authorities bave arrested hundreds of officers and traasferred many more to safe garrisons," said one of the officers who identified himself as Homafar (a rank in the Iranian air force)

Fereioon Varmazyari. He said military opposition to

the Islamic republic had intensified after Massoud Rajavi, exiled leader of the Mujabedin, called on all officers to withdraw their support for Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Many officers have already

refused to go to the hattlefront because they are no longer prepared to cooperate in a war which against the interests of the people and the country and which only serves the interests of Khomeini," Varmazyari said.

"The Islamic leaders have been forced to rely on revolutionary guards and to mobilise teenagers, sending them on mine-sweeping missions," he said.

Second-Lieutenant Ali Hamed Ranji said the Islamic authorities had put eight air force officers on trial who were charged with organising the flight of former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Massoud Rajavi in July 1981.

They bave also issued directives limiting fuel supply to military air-planes and the Majlis (parliament) has passed a law banning members of the armed forces from taking part in international events outside Iran, be said.

The four men said they had left their country to escape "arrest, torture and execution" but were kept informed by other officers supporting the People's Muj-

## Tamil guerrillas disrupt local elections

SANTIAGO (R) - The Chilean copper workers' union, which has called a one-day general strike for next Wednesday, said Friday there was increased military activity around the country's major mines with heavy weapons on show. A communique from the copper workers said heavy guns and mortars had been displayed near the northern Chuquicamata mine and a tank on a transporter had driven through the streets of

NEW YORK (R) - Cho-

### Air crash victim's family awarded \$7m

NEW YORK (R) — The family of a Taiwan-born physician was awa-rded \$7 million for his death in the worst air disaster in the United States. Shuren, Lin 42, a leading neuro-radiologist at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, was survived by his wife and four children aged five to

WASHINGTON (R) - The Senate Environment Committee Fri-

Committee Chairman Robert Stafford, a Vermont Republican,

Mr. Ruckelshaus, the first EPA administrator from 1970 to 1973, was named by President Reagan to succeed Anne Burford after she resigned following charges of mismanagement and unethical beh-

### in local government elections in the troubled northern district of Jaffna despite attacks on its candidates by separatist guerrillas, a senior cabinet minister said Sat-

Guerrillas seeking a separate state for the minority Tamils in northern and eastern provinces shot dead two UNP candidates and a prominent party member last week.

After the killings the outlawed guerrillas movement sent letters threatening to kill other UNP

COLOMBO (R) - Sri Lanka's Four local bodies in Jaffna are culing United National Party among 50 municipal and urban (UNP) will continue campsigning councils throughout the country for which elections will be beld on May 18 and 20.

Fisheries Minister Festus Perera who led a party delegation to Jaffna Friday to check the suuation there told Reuters: "The UNP will not withdraw from the elections despite the actions of the terrorists." Mr. Perera said the delegation

asked the police and army to intensify security arrangements in the area and to give candidates more protection.

Police sources said candidates threatened by guerrillas may be allowed to carry guns to protect themselves.

The UNP, headed by President Junius Jayewardene, draws its strongest support from southern Sri Lanka which is dominated by the majority Sinhalese people. Mr. Jayewardene has said his

government will not allow the. country to be divied into Tamil. and Sinhalese states.

The UNP's main rival in the Jaffna elections is the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) which is spearheading the campaign for a separate Tamil state. It has denied any links with the guerrillas and dissociated itself from the killings.

## E. Germans use picturesque Czechoslovak border to escape But a steady trickle of disaffected

By Ralph Boulton

This time, I would rebid two diamonds, despite the fact that I have a reasonably good six-card major. Should partner then give me a simple heart preference, I could show my extra strength by making a game try with a bid of three hearts. Note that partner will be ideally placed to decide whether to accept or reject knowing that I have

Q.-I saw a rerun of a "Tonight" program on which you discussed bridge. I was very impressed with your ideas on the game. - L. Williams, White Plains, N.Y. A .- Thank you. The game has given me a lot of pleasure and satisfaction, and if I can convert some TV watchers to this fascinating pastime, I will be repaying only a frac-

tion of the enjoyment I have

derived from bridge over the

FURTH IM WALDE, West Germany (R) - The winding,

forested frontiers of Czechoslovakia are becoming a popular escape route for East Germans bent on reaching the West. Bavarian officials say East Germans facing new and deadlier harriers on their own frontiers seem to be seeking easier paths. across the territory of their Soviet-bloc neighbour.

"The number of East Germans arriving here bas risen by leaps and bounds in the last six months. We will just have to see how this develops," local border police chief Eberhard Pilz told Reuters. The Czechoslovak and inter-

German frontiers mark the meeting point of the world's two great military blocs, the Warsaw Pact and the NATO alliance. But the barbed wire and mines that divide the two German states give way to unblemished green vales and woods at the Czechoslovak bor-

Bavarian youths sometimes crown a Saturday night's revelry with a foray past the ancient stones marking the border and into the arms of Czechoslovak guards. "The Czechoslovaks are angered by such incidents, of course. But they are very correct about it only weeks after a border guard and the offenders are handed back crossed the line. the next day," a Bavarian guard

Less triggerhappy

"On the zone (inter-German) frontier it could lead to a serious incident. Things are certainly more humane here and they are less inclined to shoot," he added. But the rural tranquillity ends at a dark strip of fortifications three

kilometres beyond the marker stones, just visible through field glasses. Prague shares East Berlin's fear of its citizens fleeing. Before elimbing a double, two-metre (six-foot) fence, the would-be escaper must cross a mesb of trip wires linked to flare rockets. If he triggers one, border

guards are ferried at high speed to the marker stones to await his arr-The Czechoslovaks have not renewed their fortifications since. they drew them away from Westero view 10 years ago. But they have lately shown signs of alarm as the number of successful escape

bids has risen. Three weeks ago, 250 Czechoslovak soldiers descended on a small area when a former security official made a bolt for the West with a friend. The escape came

"The Czechoslovaks rang four

hours later to inquire and we told them two men had crossed from. East to West -- no names and no places, just a straight answer," Commissioner Pilz said. "Normally, the people wbo

come over are acquainted with the lences and the secret burrow holes that lead under them," he said. But the East Germans who have crossed the border in the last year

are unlikely to have any personal inside knowledge of the fordifications. Moreover, they are usually watched carefully if they venture anywhere near the border East Germans have long seen

of their border has boosted interest here," Pilz said. Seventeen people, including 14. East Germans fled over the frontier last year, most of them in the last three months. This compared with a total of four in 1981.

Czechoslovakia as an alternative.

But it seems the recent tightening

Asked if Prague might feel obliged to strengthen its border if the escapes continued, he said it was too early to judge. Comparatively few Czec-

hoslovaks seem ready to risk pri-

German-speaking neighbour, has ignored the risks since the borders were closed in the 1950s. "The major difference is that this is a natural border which has

existed for centuries, while the zonal frontier is artificial. Hence

the barbed wire and mines," one West German guard said. In the last year the East Germans have begun removing minefields and pulling up fences along much of their border, but woe betide anyone who sees this as an inv-

itation to defect. Leonhardt Weiz, Commissioner Pilz's opposite number on the Bavarian frontier with East Germany, says the communist authorities are replacing the double two-metre fences with a single

fence a metre higher. The minefields are being replaced by more advanced scatterguns, which spray an area with machine-gun bullets if triggered by a trespasser.

The border is heing beefed up in stretches and any weak spots eliminated. It seems more secure and the number of people fleeinghas dropped considerably this year," he said.

The Czechoslovak horder also son or death to reach the West. bristles with activity at the mom-

ent as communist and Bavarian East Germans, lured by a richer, officials pace the wooded slopes, measuring and inspecting the weather-woro marker stones.

The last inspection was in 1937. shortly before Nazi troops marched across the frontier and annexed the Czecboslovak province of Bohemia. Since then, some markers have sunk in the marshy land or cracked. The cordial handsbakes in

warm Bavarian sunshine bear witness to a more relaxed working relationships between the two sides. But the constant, unsmiling gaze of an army officer serves to remind them that cordiality also has its frontiers: These were illustrated in the late 1970s when West German

and Czechoslovak workers arr-

naged a meeting on the frontier to celebrate the completion of a gas pipeline. The East was to provide beer and the West a feast of roast pork. At the last minute, the Prague authorities forbade the venture. Unahashed, the West Germans roasted a pig on one side while

their Eastern colleagues opened bottles on the other. The two groups sat in lines, either side of the ancient border stone and exchanged their offerings over the mvisible divide.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Freed kidnapper looks for work

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — One of the kidnappers of newspaper heiress Patty Hearst has been released from prison and is looking for work, his lawyer said. He is William Harris, whose wife Emily was also a member of the radical group which organised the kidnapping in 1974. She is expected to be released on May 27, lawyer Stuart Hanlon said in San Francisco. Harris, 37, and his wife, 35, were sentenced on Oct. 2, 1978, to 10 years to life imprisonment for their admitted part in the kidnapping. They were already serving an 11-year sentence for a 1976 conviction.

### Bonn to deport imprisoned Libyan

BONN (R) — A Libyan sentenced to life imprisonment in 1980 for the murder of a former Libyan diplomat in Bonn is being deported, the convicted man's lawyer said Friday. Elmida Bashir Elmida, 29, who was jailed for shooting former Libyan Second Secretary Omran Mehdawi in a Bonn pedestrian subway, would be sent back to Libya on Sunday. his lawyer Klaus Kugler said, Elmida had been pressing for deportation, he said, and the judicial authorities in North Rhine Westphalia had agreed.

### French court refuses to ban book

PARIS (R) — A French court Saturday refused to ban a book alleging a former government minister, accused of wartime crimes against humanity, was zealous in rounding up Jews for deportation to Germany. Maurice Papon, 72, was charged in Bordeaux in January with involvement in the deportation to Nazi death camps of 1,700 Jews while he was a senior wartime French official in the region. He, denied the charges which are being investigated by a judge who will decide whether be should face trial. His lawyers said publication of the book, "The Papon affair" by Michel Slitinsky, was intolerable while the case was pen-

### Chilean army shows up near mines

Rancagua near the El Teniente mine just south of the capital.

## Balanchine leaves \$869,000 estate

reographer George Balanchine, who died here last week aged 79, left an estimated \$869,000 estate. according to his will presented for probate Friday at the Manhattan surrogate's court. In the 1978 will Russian-born Balanchine left a brother, Andre Balanchine who lives in the Soviet republic of Georgia, two gold watches and no other bequests. Jerome Robbins, an American choreographer who often worked with Balanchine and is one of the two people who succeeded him as the artistic director of the New York city ballet, was left the royalty rights to the ballets "Firebird" and "Pulcinella". The bulk of the remaining estate, inc luding rights to 37 other ballets. was left equally to two women friends, Barbara Horgan and Karin

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